Thatcher cool to Heseltine's poll tax plans

By Robin Oakley, Political Editor

THE Prime Minister yes-ment of the Environment Heseltine's proposals. "His terday ruled out struc-welcomed what they saw as article identifies a number of terday ruled out struc-tural changes to the poll tax, including the idea of forcing councils that exceed government spending targets to hold local elections.

But Mrs Margaret That-cher said Mr Michael Heseltine's proposals for the reform of the community charge, set out in The Times yesterday, contained "many good ideas".

Ministers appeared ill-pre-pared for Mr Heseltine's package, which dominated Prime Minister's question time and was an obsessive topic of conversation around Westminster yesterday. Mr Heseltine, who was absent from the chamber during the Commons exchanges his article provoked, denied that his challenge to the Cabinet to act swiftly on poll tax reforms amounted to a challenge to Mrs Thatcher's leadership.

But his close lieutenant, Dr Keith Hampson, the MP for Leeds North West, acknowledged that the former Cabinet minister had great difficulty in treading the narrow line between being disloyal and acknowledging his wish to lead the Conservative Party.

While Mrs Thatcher was cautiously welcoming, gov-ernment sources made plain that few of Mr Heseltine's ideas were likely to survive the scrutiny of the committee of Cabinet ministers reviewing the poll tax. The operation of the tax, not its principle, was

But sources at the Depart-

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Inflation rate fear

The annual inflation rate is expected to be just below 10 per cent when the April figures are published today. The surge from an annual 8.1 per cent in March, is in part due to the poll tax and is likely to provoke fresh criticism of the Government

The Bank of England yesterday issued a clear warning to the Government that the inflation picture was worse than previously believed, underlining that this precluded any chances of an early cut in interest rates.... Page 23

Police hunt

Detectives from up to 12 police forces are to hold an emergency conference to coordinate their hunt for bogus social and health workers who try to examine children Page 3

MI6 man dies

Mr George Young, a former senior MI6 officer who helped to mastermind a secret operation in 1953 to overthrow Dr Mohammed Mussadeq, then the Iranian prime minister, has died after a long illness at the age of 79.

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Phone probe

The EC is to investigate international telephone charges to see whether tele-communications authorities run a cartel preventing

Scotland win

Scotland's cricketers beat Northamptonshire by two runs in a group match of the Benson and Hedges Cup

Geoffrey Green Geoffrey Green, the former Association Football corres-

pondent of The Times and a contributor to the paper for almost 40 years, has died at

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Mr Heseltine's endorsement of the principle that nearly all adults should contribute to the cost of local government. Mr Heseltine would be welcomed,

as would other backbenchers, if he sought a meeting with Mr Michael Portillo, the new Minister for Local Governacknowledged that Mr Heseltine had an important contrib-

But at the Scottish Conser-

vative Party conference in Aberdeen Mr Michael Forsyth, the Scottish party chairman and a junior minister, accused Mr Heseltine of leading a mutiny. Without naming him, he said: "Loyalty is the currency of success - not mutiny. Every Conservative can get front page coverage by publicly attacking the leader-ship and policies of this party. They are free to do so, but be in no doubt that they are doing the Opposition's work for them and I for one am sick and tired of it." Dr Hampson defended Mr Heseltine from such attacks saying he had been criticized for not setting out his alternatives to the community charge. Now he had done so, he was accused of stirring things up.

Mr Cecil Parkinson, the Secretary of State for Transport, made plain that he saw Mr Heseltine's intervention as a challenge to Mrs Thatcher's authority, but Mr Kenneth Baker, the party chairman, hoped the article was not a challenge to her leadership. That question, he said, had resolved for the next election". Certainly, in the Heseltine's ideas for triggering less-fevered atmosphere after elections for overspending the local elections and with councils and any move to hopes that today's inflation rate will remain in single figures, there was little inclination among Tory MPs to speculate about leadership battles. They also greeted the substance of Mr Heseltine's article with scepticism.

Mr Malcolm Rifkind, the Secretary of State for Scot-land, said: "I don't think it is realistic to have an annual election for every local authority that spends more than the Government wants. It is the woolliness of the conclusions rather than the analysis that I find myself sceptical

about. And Mr Julian Brazier. Conservative MP for Canter-bury, said that while he wanted changes in the poll tax,

he was disappointed with Mr

the concerns, but the linkage between those and the proposed solutions is tenuous to say the least - and they are not costed. There is no support for it as a package."

In the Commons, Mr Neil Kinnock asked the Prime Minister: "In view of his help ment. Both Mr Portillo and to you, have you thought of Mr Chris Patten, the Secretary of State for the Environment, the hands of Mr Heseltine? After all one volunteer is worth ten pressed men." She replied: "You are well aware that the most unfair system of local taxation was rates."

> that Mr Heseltine had backed a Labour call for annual elections, Mrs Thatcher re-plied: "Mr Heseltine had many good ideas in his article, which will be considered along with many others in the review of the community charge to see what modifications and adjustments are necessary." But she said struc-tural changes to local authori-ties could not take place during the lifetime of the present Parliament.

'Mad cow'

symptoms

found in

pet cat

By Michael Hornsby

A CONDITION closely re

sembling the fatal brain dis-ease which has killed more

than 13.000 British cattle has

been diagnosed for the first

time in a domestic cat, the

Ministry of Agriculture, Fish-

eries and Food disclosed

It is not yet known how the

cat, a five-year-old neutered

male Siamese, became in-

fected, or whether this feline

form of the disease, known as

Spongiform Encephalopathy (SE), can be transmitted be-

tween different species. Sci-

entists are investigating

whether it can be passed to

Mr Keith Meldrum, the

government's chief veterinary

officer, said: "There is no need

for pet owners to change their

pet food or to consider putting

A human form of the con

dition, Crentzfeldt-Jakob Dis-

ease (CJD), kills about 30

people a year in England; there is, however, no evidence that

the incidence of CJD, which

occurs in about one in every

two million people, is in any

way related to the presence of

Spongiform Encephalopathy

Mr Meldrum said the cat

had been referred to Bristol

University's veterinary school

by a local veterinary surgeon after it showed nervous symp-

toms and unsteadiness on its

feet and failed to respond to

A post-mortem examina-

tion of the cat, which was put

have not been reported pre

All are said to be healthy.

in other animals.

treatment,

in Britain."

laboratory mice.

before the diagnosis."

yesterday.

tine had been right when he said "this Conservative Government will fight and win the next election with the community charge in place", and she won cheers when - swapping footballing metaphors with Mr David Evans, Conservative MP for Welwyn and Hatfield - she said she would be the centre forward leading the Conservative team to victory at the next election.

Government sources made and small businessmen "liv-

our's local government spokesman, accused Mr Heseltine of "giving in" on the poll tax for the sake of his eadership ambitions.

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Dan Air jet 'only 50ft from mid-air collision'

By a Staff Reporter

A BRITISH pilot last night described how his Dan Air airliner carrying 16 passengers came "very close" to colliding with two US Air Force jets over West Germany yesterday. One report suggested

the aircraft were within 50ft. An investigation was started into the incident, near Saarbrücken, on the French-West German border. Only quick action by Captain Bob Dearling, aged 41, avoided a crash, and one passenger and a crew member were injured when he put the aircraft into a

dive to avoid a collision. The Dan-Air British turbo-

Mr Peter Hillary: Scaled

Everest on his fourth try

prop was on a routine scheduled flight from West Berlin to Saarbrücken. The 16 passengers are believed to have been mostly German. The airliner had been warned by a radar controller of the approach of the fighters.

Last night the US Air Force base at Bitburg in West Germany confirmed that two aircraft from the 36th Tactical Fighter Wing had been involved in a near-miss. Captain Dearling, from Sussex, said: "It was very close. I saw two F-15 aircraft coming directly towards us and at our level. They were not very far away."

have reached the summit.

When Mr Kinnock claimed

She added that Mr Hesel-

plain that the structural changes ruled out by the Prime Minister included Mr Heseltine's ideas for triggering unitary authorities. His plans for "banding" the charge so that top taxpayers would pay more were also unlikely to be adopted. Environment Department sources doubted there would be any great number of extra exemptions in line with Mr Heseltine's suggestions on the old, the handicapped, student nurses

ing above the shop". Mr David Blunkett, Lab-

6,500 jobs will be cut in efficiency drives

Golden memories: Mr Winston Churchill, MP, grandson of the wartime leader, Lord Callaghan of Cardiff, Lady Soames, Churchill's daughter, and Field Marshal Lord Bramall, at the Imperial War Museum to mark the fiftieth anniversary of Sir Winston becoming Prime Minister

By Stephen Leather

MORE than 6,500 jobs are to more than a change in be lost in a round of industrial organization. We are setting cuts announced yesterday as three of Britain's biggest comnanies aim to become more competitive. British Telecom is to slash

up to 5.000 jobs, mainly middle managers, which will save about £100 million a year. The cigarette giant, subsidiary whose brands include Regal, Embassy, John Player and Lambert and Butler, is cutting 1,240 jobs, Grand Metropolitan's wine and spirits subsidiary. International Distillers and Vintners, is cutting its workforce by 400 as it modernizes

production facilities. The British Telecom cuts follow the group's decision to split the company into two new divisions serving residential and business customers.

out to change the way we work. We want to understand our customers' needs, and respond quickly to them." - The Society of Telecom Executives, which represents 30,000 of the 40,000 BT

managers, said: "We are seek-

ing discussions with BT. We Imperial Tobacco, the Hanson have only heard the details today and are considering them ourselves.1 Imperial Tobacco cuts are the result of a £40 million investment in state-of-the-art cigar and cigarette-making machines up to 10 times as efficient as the old equipment. The firm, preparing for an influx of cheap European ciga-

rettes in 1992, also faces a tax change based on the cost of cigarettes rather than the number. With about 35 per cent of the market, it sells 33 their cats down. The risk to Mr lain Vallance, the chairman is no greater than it was man, said: "This is much billion cigarettes and 400 million cigars a year. It is to close

cigar factories in Ipswich and Glasgow, while cigarette and Golden Virginia hand-rolling tobacco production will be transferred from the company's plant in Hartcliffe. Bristol, to Nottingham, creating 110 jobs, All Castella and Panama cigar production will be based at Bristol, while pipe tobaccos and snuffs stay in Tobacco also complained that

they had not been consuited. There was some good news on the jobs front, with British Airways announcing that it is to create more than 700 by setting up a new £35 million sales and mananagement centre at Newcastle-upon-Tyne. This will be built on nine acres of the Newcastle Business Park being developed by the Tyne and Wear Development Corporation.

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Lockerbie families share £7m

By Lin Jenkins

RELATIVES of the 11 people killed on the ground in the 1988 Lockerbie disaster, or those who suffered injury or damage to property, have reached an out-of-court settlement with Pan Am believed to be more than £7 million.

The deal affects 250 Scottish families. But Mr Peter Watson, secretary of the Lockerbie Air Disaster Group, said: "Details of the names of claimants, the number of cases involved and the amount of compensation paid are to remain confidential."

The claims, brought in the United States, where they were filed before the Florida State Court in Miami, are the first relating to the disaster to be settled. Still pending are the claims arising from the deaths of 259 passengers and crew, which are also filed before the Florida State Court.

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EC and Tehran to discuss hostages

By Michael Binyon, Brussels, and Andrew McEwen

to discuss the release of hostages in Lebanon and how EC-Iranian relations can be improved after the damage done by Iran's call for the death of Mr Salman Rushdie.

The meeting comes in response to overtures by Iran six weeks ago. Mr Gerard Collins, down on April 6, revealed "typical lesions of Spongiform the Irish Foreign Minister, wrote to Dr Ali Akbar Encephalopathy", Mr Mel-drum said. "Such findings Velayati, his Iranian counterpart, expressing hopes that the meeting could "play an effviously in domestic cats at this ective role in the expansion and improvement of EC relastage, this is the only known tions with Iran". Britain raised no objection, with the case in the seven million cats Government undoubtedly The cat was apparently fed a curious to hear what Tehran wide range of pet food. There

may have in mind. are four other cats and four The EC will be represented by senior Foreign Ministry

SENIOR officials from Iran officials from Ireland, curand the European Community rently holding the presidency will meet in Dublin next week of the Community, and of the Community, and France and Italy, the former and future presidents. Iran will be represented by senior

An Irish spokesman in Brussels said his country intended to bring up the question of hostages as a priority. Ireland is making intensive efforts to secure the release of Mr Brian Keenan, the hostage who holds an Irish passport. But the EC officials will tell the Iranians that a substantial improvement in relations is only possible if all the Western hostages are released.

If the Iranians ask for improved trade terms with the Community it seems likely that Britain will ask its EC partners to exact a price. This Continued on page 22, col 6

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Sir Edmond Hillary: Thrilled at son's specess

High achiever follows in father's footsteps By Our Foreign Staff climbing conditions. The 1953, when he reached the summit of the 29,028 ft high group was expected to make THIRTY-seven years after Sir Edmund Hillary conits descent down to the South peak with his Nepalese guide, Mr Tenzing Norgay. His son. Col camp about 1,100 yards quered Mount Everest his below the summit. who was accompanied by son Peter yesterday successtwo fellow New Zealanders. Sir Edmund was created a fully scaled the world's tallest Mr Robert Hall and Mr Gary Knight of the British Empire peak - the first time two members of the same family

Peter, who was not even born when his father made history in 1953, contacted Sir Edmund from the summit by satellite telephone, "It's been a bit of a struggle over the years, but we're thrilled to bits that you're finally standing on top of the old mountain," Sir Edmund told his

son from Auckland. Sir Edmund made mountaineering history on May 29,

Ball, and a Sherpa guide, Mr Apa Sherpa, followed the same south-eastern route for his successful ascent.

"Congratulations to you all. I think everybody here is delighted at your success," said Sir Edmund in a conversation broadcast live on Radio New Zealand. Peter, aged 36, who had tried and failed to climb Everest on three earlier occasions, set out early in the morning from his final camp in perfect

for his exploit four decades ago. His wife and daughter were killed in a plane crash in Nepal in 1975. Sir Edmund was made New Zealand High Commissioner to India and New Zealand Ambassador to Nepal in 1984.

In another successful attempt on Everest this week, a record 14 climbers in a US, Soviet and Chinese "international peace climb" team reached the summit, organizers said in Seattle.



Sellafield in strike threat over clean-up and compensation

By Tim Jones, Employment Correspondent

yesterday threatened to take whatever action necessary" if respond to their demands for a thorough "clean-up" of the site and compensation for child tenkaemia victims. It could mean a boycott of the older part of the site if the workers feel the company is not moving quickly enough to satisfy their concerns.

The threat of industrial action came after Dr Barry Lambert, senior lecturer in radiation biology at St Bartholomew's Hospital Medical College, University of London, visited the site to talk to 200 union representatives about his interpretation of the Gandner report on leptaemia Gardner report on leukaemia.

In his report, Professor Martin Gardner, of Southampton University, suggested that radiation could have affected the sperm of men working at Sellafield, possibly introducing a gene mutation. Their children, his study said, would have been born with a birther than appeared rick of higher than average risk of developing cancer.

There was uproar when Dr

LEADERS of 2,500 workers at Roger Berry, director of health achieve the 10msv level.

the Sellafield nuclear plant and safety at the Cumbrian plant, owned by British Nuclear Fuels, suggested that British Nuclear Fuels did not workers who feared their

> Dr Lambert, who had been commissioned to prepare a report by the GMB, the largest union on the site, said: "We actor in Dorset is to be have to take the Gardner findings seriously. There is now added weight to lean on the employers for dose limits to be reduced and so reduce the risk. Even if Gardner is only half right the sensible thing to do is to explain the report in a straightforward and non-sensational language, so that workers at the plant are receiving clear and useful advice.

"The best way to react is to timit exposure levels for radiation workers to as low a level as possible. Science and risk assessment suggest an annual constraint to 10msv (2 measurement of radiation) should be agreed as soon as possible." At present, the plant works to 15msv and talks are taking place with the unions to

Mr Eddie Newall, the union's national industrial officer, said: "We cannot afford to wait around until the results of further studies are known. We must now assume Gardner has got it right and insist that improvements are made as soon as possible. We want a

• The Winfrith nuclear re-actor in Dorset is to be shut down in March 1992 with the loss of 450 jobs, the United Kingdom Atomic Energy Au-thority announced yesterday (Nick Nuttall writes). A spokesman said the costs of maintaining the heavy water reactor, which was built in the 1950s, beyond 1992 had be-come prohibitive.

 Union leaders representing more than 600,000 construc-tion workers yesterday turned down an improved 9.58 per cent pay offer, raising Government fears of a further tranche of wage-led inflation. To add to the concerns, leaders of 20,000 London Underground workers are today likely to sanction a strike ballot after their rejection of the "final" 9.3 per cent pay offer.



Flight Lieutenants Julie Gibson, left, and Sally Cox, known as Jim and Sid to male trainees, on the Provost flightline at RAF Linton-on-Ouse yesterday after becoming the first women in the RAF to fly solo on jet aircraft

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delayed By Ray Clancy

THE Government was prevented yesterday from carrying out its decision to cap a council community charge un-til after next month's test case on the legality of the capping

procedure.

The Department of the Environment said it was considering "an immediate appeal" against a direction from Mr Justice Roch in the High Court that the capping procedure against Doncaster Metropolitan Borough should not start until after the judical review involving 20 of the 21 capped councils expected to be heard in mid-June. be heard in mid-June.

The decision is likely to pave the way for the other 19 authorities taking part in the "umbrella" court action, which challenges the criteria used by Mr Patten to single them out for capping.

The judge gave the direction at Doncaster council's request behalf of Mr Chris Patten, Secretary of State for the Environment, that be had no jurisdiction to do so. He said "an administrative night-mare" might result if capping took place before the courts' view on the legality of Mr Patten's action was known.

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Patten's action was known.

Mr Roger Henderson, QC, who represented Doncaster, asked the judge to direct that the leave given to Doncaster last month for judicial review should operate as a "stay" on the parliamentary and administrative procedures which had to be gone through for the capping to take effect. capping to take effect.

Mr Henderson said Mr Patten was "not minded in any way to stay his hand" and wanted to proceed, before the court hearing, to make an order requiring Doncaster to re-calculate its budget and reduce its net expenditure from £190 million to £178.5

That would force the au-thority to go through the costly and complex exercise of sending out fresh bills. If Doncaster won the authority would then have to re-cal-culate and re-bill once more.

Poll tax capping

MP for Coventry South-east, who made the demand, also called for emergency legislation to stop the "carnage" on the site, which is "almost costing a man a mile". Mr Jonathan Aitken, Conservative MP for Thanet South, said an early debate on the "safety crisis" in the tunnel was necessary; it was scan-dalous that it had taken "six

unnecessary deaths" before the TML management "got a carpeting for their deplorable safety standards". Mr Tony Blair, shadow employment spokesman, tabled amendments to the employment Bill, due to be debated next Thursday, to prevent employees facing dismissal if they refused to do work which was a serious health and safety hazard.

Mr Bleir said it was point.

Mr Blair said it was pointless Mr Howard discussing the tragedies with TML if he was not prepared to amend legislation. Employees needed greater protection, he said, and employers needed to know that health and safety transgressions would be severely

Meanwhile, at the site, the

two main marine tunnels remained closed for the third day running as health and safety executive inspectors continued their investigations into the death of Mr William Cartman, from Type and Wear, the sixth British worker to die on the project. The stoppage, enforced by an Health and Safety Executive prohibition notice, is estimated to be costing TML £2 million a day.

Workers have blamed the accident rate at the site on the need for speed and they allege corners have been cut to meet deadlines. One said anyone who complained about poor safety was moved off the main construction site.

1987 the cost has risen from under £5 billion to £7.5 billion. Mr George Henderson of the Transport and General Workers' Union said the commercial pressures were too great. Eurotunnel wanted "a Rolls Royce project for the price of a mini".

Bruegel recovered after eight years

By Simon Tait, Arts Correspondent

involving Scotland Yard's re- the galleries. formed art and antiques branch has recovered a painting worth between £2 million and £3 million, which was stolen from the Courtauld Galleries eight years ago.

It was recovered at a house in Kent weeks before the collection is due to reopen at Somerset House in in London.

"Christ and the Woman Taken in Adultery", by Pieter Bruegel the Elder, was taken from the wall of the former galleries in Woburn Square in 1982. Gallery warders gave chase but were outpaced by the two young men who had committed the robbery. The discovery is under-

stood to have been made after investigations by the arts and antiques branch of the International and Organised Crime Squad. The branch was formed only a year ago after the disbandment of the former art and antiques squad caused an outcry in the art trade. The recovery of the Bruegel is their most spectacular success to date. The painting's return

could hardly be more timely

A POLICE investigation said Dr Dennis Farr, director

"The collection is due to reopen in its new home in the Fine Rooms of Somerset House on June 15, and we will be able to show the Bruegel. It is in fabulous condition. There were only a few marks on the frame."

Bruegel painted the picture, signed and dated grisaille work which is very rare in his output, in 1565.It came to England in the 18th century, and was acquired in 1952 by Count Antoine Seilern who bequeathed it to the Courtauld in 1978 as part of the Princes Gate Collection.

At the time of its theft the value of the painting was put at £420,000, but it is now estimated at between £2 million and £3 million.

Thatcher

concern

on tunnel

safety

By Mark Souster

WORK on the Channel Tun-

nel was suspended for the

third day running yesterday as

the Prime Minister reiterated

in the Commons the Govern-

ment's concern at the safety

ment, also made clear his fears

over safety in emergency talks with Trans-Manche Link

During the meeting with Mr Jack Lemley, the chief exec-utive of TML, Mr Howard

emphasized that responsibil-ity for safety ultimately rested with TML management and

sought reassurances that TML

intended to give priority to

safety.
Mr Lemley admitted that

not enough had been done. He

said all working practices were

to be re-examined, and the

results of an internal audit of

safety arrangements would be given to the Health and Safety

Executive, which was carrying

Mr Howard hinted that TML could face further prosecutions by the executive

if safety standards were not

maintained. During angry ex-

changes in the Commons, Mrs

Thatcher ignored a Labour demand for mandatory jail sentences against Channel Tunnel employers whose neg-ligence led to the death or

serious injury of workers. She said the (most recent) accident

was deeply regretted and ex-tended her sympathies to the relatives of the bereaved.

Mr David Nellist, Labour

out its own audit.

record of the project. Mr Michael Howard, the Secretary of State for Employ-

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Engine trouble hit second 737 months after M1 air crash

OTHER aircraft came close to suffering the same fate as British Midland Flight BD092 soon after 47 people lost their lives in the MI disaster in January of last year, an inquest was told yesterday.

A British Midland pilot said he suffered an almost identical problem with the engine of his Boeing 737-400 in June 1989. Mr Jasper Bardon said he the engine and "taking time to identify what was going on".

Mr Bardon was giving evidence on a day that high-lighted the heroism and passenger told how he rescued a woman sitting next to him and then tore in vain at the jagged metal of the mangled fuselage before collapsing.

Another man, recalling the reaction of passengers to the captain's announcement that the aircraft was in trouble, said: "I looked around and saw people with their heads down and someone shouting, 'Jesus! We're going to die'."

Other passengers said they were bewildered when Captain Kevin Hunt, the pilot, said he was shutting down the right-hand engine when they could see the problem lay in the left-hand one.

Mr Philip Tomlinson, the North Leicestershire coroner, engine. Normal flight apparholding the inquest at Prest- ently resumed for a few wold Hall, Loughborough, minutes before the plane was told the crash was nearly repeated some months later.

witness because he saw fered extensive injuries, said BD092 fly over his home in that 15 minutes after take-off, Kegworth, close to East Mid-there was suddenly a loud

disclosed under cross-exami-nation that he had also had a sparks." disclosed under cross-examiproblem with vibration in an identical aircraft as it flew the same route from Heathrow to Belfast. Mr Bardon said that, landed safely at East Midlands as he reached 30,000 ft, the airport after throttling back aircraft vibrated. The vibration indicator on the right-hand engine had gone to "its full scale" although the other

engine showed zero.

The crew had been warned bewilderment that marked the of possible vibration problems fate of Flight BD092. One and been given a new manual on procedures. They identified the engine that was causing the problem, throttled back both engines and diverted to East Midlands, landing safely on power supplied by the good engine. The other was later stripped down, lead-ing to the discovery of a broken fan blade.

> ported to the Civil Aviation Authority involving a Boeing 737-400, led to the temporary grounding of all such aircraft. On Flight BD092, however, passengers were confronted by a loud bang, then juddering far worse than any turbulence, followed by showers of sparks and flames from the left-hand

The incident, the third re-

smashed on to the M1. Gareth Lloyd Jones, aged Mr Bardon was called as a 40, a civil servant who suf-

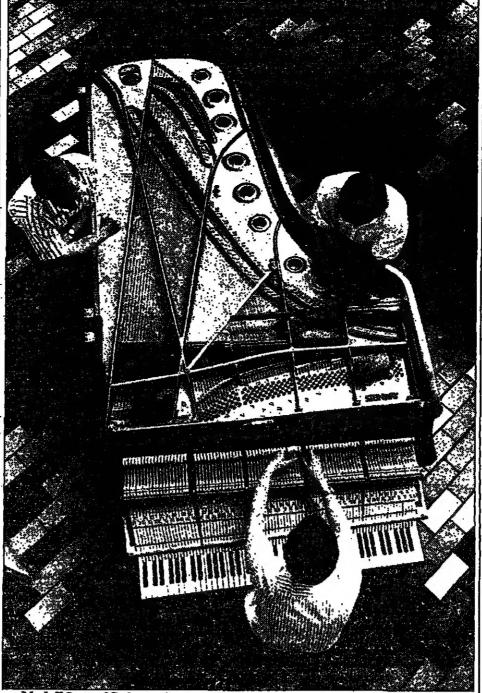
lands airport, "popping, bang-ing and thudding with blue and yellow flames". He bang from the left-hand en-gine. "There was a juddering vibration and I looked back-

The juddering and shaking terrified a passenger in the same row, who began to shrick. As Mr Jones comforted the woman, the vibration stopped. The captain said there was a problem. "He said he had requested permission to divert to East Midlands, that there was no cause for concern and that he had shut down the right-hand engine. I remember that specifically because I was surprised ... because there was no indication of any problem on the right-hand

As the aircraft veered, apparently for a landing, there was another bang, more sparks and the juddering returned. The woman next to him became "very distraught". Mr Jones prepared her for the crash. "I was still strapped in my seat and I could see a bush outside that was on fire. My immediate reaction was to recall the Manchester crash when a flash fire developed."

He struggled with the emergency door, finally opened it and man-handled the woman passenger on to the wing and down to the hard shoulder of the M1 before returning to the

The hearing continues.



Mr Jeff Prett, of Steinway, (at the keyboard) showing two tuners at the Pianoforte Tuners' Association convention near Colchester the finer points of a concert grand

Judge joins jail unrest inquiry

By Quentin Cowdry, Home Affairs Correspondent

were being held in police cells yesterday as the Home Office renewed appeals to the Prison Officers' Association to reconsider its decision to try to step up industrial action.

The appeal came as Mr David Waddington, the Home Justice Woolf into the recent prison disturbances.

which will now virtually enjoys the authority of a Royal

Robbers' graveside reunion

By Robin Young

FOUR of the Great Train Robbery gang met at Streatham cemetery in London yesterday to bury their col-league, Charlie Wilson, shot by an assassin at his Spanish villa in Marbella last month.

At the graveside, Mr Bruce Reynolds, who masterminded the theft of £2.6 million from the Glassow to Euston mail train in 1963, supported Mr Robert Welch, the Islington night club owner who was sentenced to 30 years for his part in his robbery and now walks on crutches. Mr Reynolds emotionally embraced Mr Roy "the Weasel" James, sometime racing driver and silversmith, who in 1984 was cleared with Wilson of involvement in an alleged £2.5 million VAT fraud, and shook hands with Mr Buster Edwards, the robber who now runs a florist's stall outside

Waterloo station. The four joined Wilson's widow, Patricia, and their three daughters, Cheryl, Tracy and Leander, and 300 rel-atives and friends for the service and burial at Streatham cemetery, Garratt Lane, Tooting, in south London.

MORE than 800 prisoners Commission. Judge Tumim, like the Appeal Court judge, is known for his sturdy independence and has been a fierce critic of penal conditions since becoming the prison service's

As Mr David Mellor, Minister of State at the Home Secretary, announced that Office, prepared to meet Lon-Judge Tumim, Chief Inspec- don POA offficials today in tor of Prisons, would be an attempt to settle a dispute joining the inquiry led by Lord involving eight jails in and Justice Woolf into the recent around the capital, the Home Office admitted that the num-The move, requested by ber of inmates being held in police custody was climbing towards 1,000. Yesterday, 239 inmates were in the custody of the Metropolitan Police, while 577 were in police cells in

northern England. Officials described the numbers as "containable" but said the situation was "far from welcome". Police were doing their best to look after the prisoners but could not provide them with the amount of exercise or other facilities

available in jails, they said. The department is reasonably optimistic that the problem in London, where staff are protesting about a new weighting allowance, will be resolved soon. It has deep misgivings, however, about the snowballing national dispute with the POA.

Mr Waddington confirmed yesterday that the Woolf inquiry will fall into two parts. The first, he said, would attempt to construct a detailed factual picture of the April jail riots and the second would seek to pinpoint underlying causes. At a preliminary public hearing on Monday, Lord Justice Woolf will outline the procedure he proposes to folow and will consider applications from parties seeking legal representation.

defendants sent to prison for not paying fines has resulted from the Home Office pilot project on matching fines to offenders' means (Frances Gibb writes). The first findings of the one-year project in four magistrates' courts show that payment of fines rose by 20 per cent and imprisonment for non-payment dropped by

School attack dogs to be put down

By Lin Jenkins

THREE Rottweilers that terrorized a school playground, attacking a number of children, have been ordered by magistrates at Enfield, north London, to be put down. The dogs acted as a pack after they escaped from the home of their owner and ran into the playground of Bishop Stortford School, Enfield, where they attacked several children in the grounds and buildings.

The owner of the dogs, Mrs Doris Brown, aged 46, of Ponders End, Enfield, was banned from keeping dogs for five years and fined a maximum £100 on each of three charges of allowing an unmuzzled, ferocious dog to be at large. Mrs Brown, who had denied the charges, was also ordered to pay £900 compensation, ranging in sums from £40 to £400 to the boys who had been injured.

resumed three-day hearing yesterday:
"The bench would find it a dereliction of its public duty if they did not award com-

The dogs, Bass, Samson and Cane, caused more than 100 children to run screaming when they got into the school on February 14 this year. One 13-yearold boy was attacked in a corridor by two of the dogs. He suffered wounds to his arms and elbows

Another 11-year-old was attacked by all three dogs and suffered "the most serious injuries" to his head, neck, buttocks, thighs and arms. A third boy, also 11, received wounds to his arms and back, and a fourth was bitten on the buttocks.

Mr Brian Pickard, headmaster of the school, said afterwards: "I'm very oleased and relieved it is all over and the Enfield magistrates' bench, said as she rebuild their lives. There is a great sense dogs."

announced the sentence at the end of the of relief amongst people who live in the area that the dogs will no longer be there. I am very proud of the way the children handled the ordeal in the playground at

Under the Dangerous Dogs Act 1989 the powers of the 1871 Act were extended, thereby putting an end to the situation where an owner faced a small fine if they failed to comply with a destruction order. Present legislation, which came into force last August, allows for the dogs to be destroyed by a person nominated by the court.

Mrs Brown has 21 days in which to appeal against the order to destroy the dogs. Mr Michael Hopmeier, her barrister, said she would be seeking further legal advice on whether to appeal.

There were angry cries from animal lovers when the bench announced the 35 with a daughter aged eight decision. One person shouted: "It is the bench that should be put down, not the

Forces unite in hunt for bogus social workers

By Lin Jenkins and Peter Davenport

ordinate their hunt for bogus refused to believe them. social and health workers who try to examine children.

Police believe that at least one organized gang is operatcases. Next Monday's meeting, to be chaired by Mr Martin Davies, assistant Chief Constable of South Yorkshire, will enable all information to be fed into the "Holmes" computer, which is used for collating information on serious crimes.

Some forces have requested the help of Scotland Yard's child pornography squad, which compiles a national index of paedophiles and child pornographers running to more than 3,000 names. South Yorkshire's special task force under Det Supt David Foss has a 12-strong team working from Rotherham.

Four more cases were reported yesterday, bringing the total to more than 30. In some incidents the bogus officials have produced fake identity cards bearing their photographs, examined children, and claimed to have court orders authorizing them to take the children into care.

Mr Michael Bishop, director of Manchester social services, is to ask the Department of Health and Social Security if a uniform identity card could be introduced nationwide. "Each area has something which looks a little different, so we cannot show the public what they should be looking for," he said. Mr Bishop urged parents not to let their children be examined unless they knew the official. Physical examinations would normally be carried out at a hospital or by the family doctor.

A babysitter aged 19 lookng after her brother's three children aged six, three and two answered the door of his Salford home to a man and a woman posing as social workers. They showed her a brown plastic identity card bearing a photograph and said they were checking children in the area for abuse and could they come in. But the habysitter was suspicious and slammed the door in their faces.

In Oldham, a woman aged months answered the door to a couple claiming to be health

DETECTIVES from up to 12 a complaint of mistreatment to the youngest child. As the emergency conference to co-

In Lancashire, a lone woman called at a house in Haslingden, said she was a health visitor and asked if any where are part of an operation by a linked group of paedophiles or simply copycat cases. Next Monday's most children lived in the house. called at a house and asked about any 16 to 19-year-olds living in the area, turned out to be a genuine survey by a local health centre.

In Hartlepool, a mother refused to allow a man who told her he had been sent by social workers to take away her son aged two. Police fear the man may have had access to the child's medical file since he mentioned that the boy had been in hospital recently which he had - and claimed further tests were needed.

He offered to take the boy to hospital and return him home within half an bour. The mother became suspicious and said she would prefer it if he came back with someone she recognized. The man then

Courtroom gunman escapes

A GUNMAN who shot and badly wounded a man in a courtroom yesterday was dis-armed and held by two dustmen, but escaped when a soli-citor mistook the situation for a fight and demanded his

The man had burst into Doncaster County Court, South Yorkshire, where a woman was seeking a restraining order over a domestic matter, and opened fire with a shot-gun. Officials dived for cover and the man dropped his weapon and ran off.

Mr Bill Griffiths and Mr Peter Cooper, two rubbish collectors, thrust a bin into his path, grappled with and disarmed him, only to be told to let him go by the solicitor.

The wounded man was taken to Doncaster Royal Infirmary for emergency surgery to serious gunshot wounds to the back. He was to have attended the court hearing with his girl friend, who was applying for a restraining visitors who were following up order against another man.

Body is exhumed for post-mortem

been exhumed and detectives are awaiting the results of a post-mortem into her death in February at the age of 46.

Mr John Roberts, a coroner in South Buckinghamshire, ordered the exhumation after the Metropolitan Police supplied new information about the author's death. When Mrs Fitzgerald died on February 5, there was no inquest and natural causes were assumed

to be the reason. The author, of Lyndhurst Close, Downley, Buckinghamshire, had been suffering from stomach cancer, diagnosed just after Christmas. She was being treated by Ms Elizabeth Marsh of Northolt, a homeopath, after refusing chemotherapy. Mr Keith Timson, Mrs Fitzgerald's husband, said yesterday his wife had been a A big drop in the number of great believer in homeopathy and doctors had supported her decision not to try

chemotherapy. He said he had no criticism of her treatment.

"The cancer was so deep inside her, there was probably not a lot they could do." He thought the reason for his

THE body of Julia Fitzgerald, is not dealt with by a doctor in the romantic novelist, has seven days before dying, there has to be a coroner's report. She wasn't dealt with by a doctor and the report should have been done at the time."

However, the coroner's secretary said yesterday: "Exhumation only happens in the most extreme cases. Mr Roberts has never known one in his experience before. It only happens if a request is made to the coroner and new evidence brought forward."

Constable Dennis Cannon. the coroner's officer dealing with the Julia Fitzgerald case, said her husband was the man who demanded that her body be exhumed. Speaking at Aylesbury police station, Buckinghamshire, he said, The requests received by the coroner for an investigation into Mrs Fitzgerald's death came from her husband Keith Timson via the Metropolitan

However, Mr Timson, a Post Office worker, has refused to confirm that he sought the exhumation.

In 1984, Julia Fitzgerald, won the Romantic Times Award for her outstanding wife's exhumation was "quite contribution to romance straightforward": "If someone writing.

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Family heirloom crawls into record book

By Ruth Gledhill

A TORTOISE belonging to the 17th Earl of Devon could be Britain's oldest living creature. The Guinness Book of Records said yesterday. The spur-thighed tor-toise, or Testudo graeca, is believed to be at least 140 years old.

Lord Devon, aged 73, of Powderham Castle, Exeter, said the tortoise had recently emerged from his annual hibernation. "He has always been called Timothy. He is very active. He eats his way round the garden. Luckily he eats weeds mostly, but if there is a rare plant he will sit on it. He buries himself to hibernate every October or November and comes out in March. He shows no signs of age. He is as merry as a cricket

this year. According to family legend, the tortoise was a mascot on a Royal Navy ship in the Mediterranean. Records show that a distant cousin, Edward Rutherfoord, gave the tortoise to Lord Devon's grandfather, John Silva, when the ship was sent to Antarctica. In 1926 the 14th Earl, Lord Charles Courtenay, an inspec-



A snack for Timothy at Powderham

tor with the Board of Agriculture and a fellow of the Zoological Society, took expert advice and sexed Timothy as a female. Lord Devon's elder sister. Lady Gabrielle, of Exton, Exeter, said Timo-

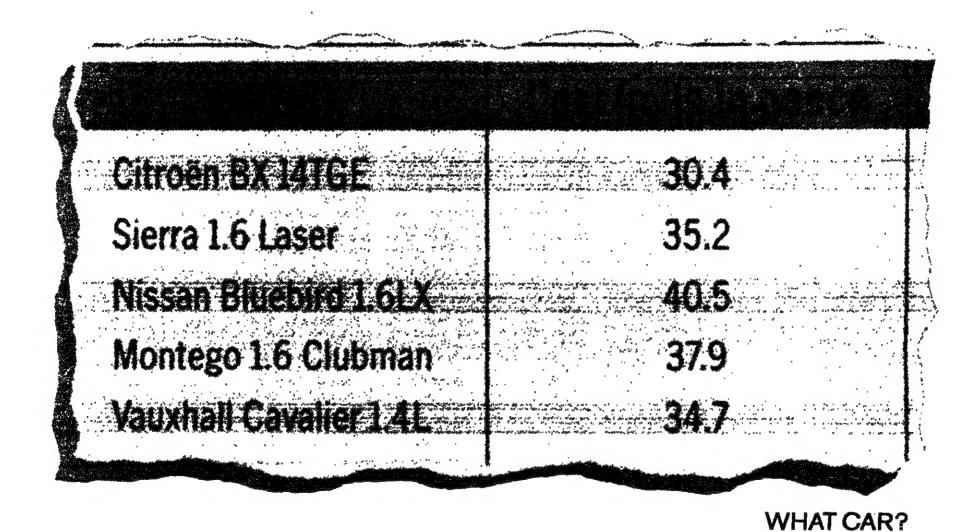
thy was a little smaller than a hassock. "He has had various adventures. He once got drunk when he over-ate on creatures in the world".

azalea blossom. My mother, the Countess of Devon, dosed him with castor oil

The history of the Courtenay family is nearly as interesting as that of their tortoise: various earls attained notoriety for their support of the Lancastrian cause. Several were imprisoned in the Tower of London or beheaded. The castle, which celebrates its 600th anniversary this year, has been in the Courtenay family since it was built. The family, motto "Where have I fallen, what have I done?", has been branded on

Timothy's back so he can be identified. The trade in tortoises started in 1890 and was banned in 1984, by which time more than 10 million had been transported to Britain. Most died soon after they arrived, killed by ignorance, cold weather and bad husbandry. The Zoological Society of London said the oldest recorded tortoise had lived to 152 years. Miss Maria Morgan, deputy editor of the living world section, said: "Timothy could quite possibly be one of the oldest

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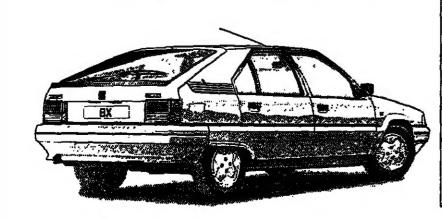


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THE TIMES FRIDAY MAY 11 1990 London dealer criticizes 'greed' of New York auction houses

By Sarah Jane Checkland Art Market Correspondent

A LEADING London dealer in contemporary art has attacked what he calls the "greed and stupidity" of the auction houses in New York after a sobering series of auctions there this week. Mr Leslie Waddington said that the houses had themselves to blame for the down-turn in the market. turn in the market.

Twenty-six out of 77 works failed to sell at Christie's main sale and 32 out of 87 at Sotheby's, while many works fetched prices well below their stated estimates. In spite of the battering, Mr Waddington insisted that the market was

"There isn't as much speculation but US dealers are doing very good business," he said. Mr Waddington added:
"When I got my catalogues five weeks ago, I said 'this looks like insanity'. The estimates were 50 per cent above my retail prices. We have a lot of amateurs over-estimating pictures at a time when there has been a tightening of money."

From 1984 to 1989, the hurled, dribbled and scumbled creations that comprise this market suddenly became a kind of global currency, increasing 20fold in price. Buying fever climaxed last November when Mr Shigeki Kamayama, a Japanese dealer, bid \$20.7 million for Willem de Kooning's painting "Interchange", and Mr S.I. Newhouse, the American publishing tycoon, bought Johns's "False Start" for

the Swedish property developer Mr

Mr Waddington also blamed the problem on the aggressive rivalry be-tween Sotheby's and Christie's when pitching for sales. "They are going to have to learn there shouldn't be an auction before the auction," he said, referring to the scenario when one agent, knowing the prices estimated by the other, feigns confidence that he can sell it for more, in order to secure the business. He also spoke of "yuppie" buyers, who had no sense of quality, only of investment. After the main Sotheby's expert, Miss Lucy Mitchell-Innes, said expectations among collectors have got

Another theory for the cooling is ironic, as it entails Sotheby's upstaging itself. According to this, the eight or nine dealers in 20th century art were holding back in the hope of negotiating for some of the 2,600 paintings from the eminent Pierre Matisse Gallery. By artists such as Miró. Dubuffet and Chagall, the stock was bought from the gallery for an estimated \$300 million by the New York dealer Mr William Acquavella. He is backed by Sotheby's.

self-fulfilling prophecy, spilling over to the nervous Impressionist market, due to be tested next week. The "buzz" over the last year or so had been that "contemporary" art was taking over from Impressionism as the commodity for the chic. No one appeared to care that their investment might also be judged

unfavourably by posterity. Now there are fears that whatever is left of disposable incomes in America, Europe and Japan, is being held back, while buyers wait and see.

Haemophilia treatment recalled over hepatitis risk

terday after an alert that they could be contaminated with the hepatitis B virus.

hepatitis C virus, another there is an urgent need to climinate hepatitis C virus from blood-clotting factors.

The Haemophilia Society endorsed the call yesterday and said it was "deeply concerned" both by the new evidence and the alert over the contaminated batch, produced by Bio Products Lab-Factor 9, for haemophiliacs, and albumin, used for trauma patients. It emphasized that shows that a test detected the risk of patients developing antibodies to hepatitis C virus hepatitis was "unbelievably small". However, Mr David Watters, secretary of the Haemophilia Society, said last night that he knew of one natient who had developed antibodies to hepatitis C, apparently from the suspect

Patients supplied with the products, which are routinely heat-treated and screened to destroy hepatitis B virus, have been asked to return the doses.

Thieves hit nests of rare birds

In spite of an increase in surveillance, thefts of rare birds' eggs were still alarmingly widespread, the Royal Society of Birds said yesterday (John Young writes).

This spring, three osprey nests had been robbed in Scotland and three golden eagle nests were known to have been robbed. In Wales there was concern about red kites, six of whose nests had been robbed, representing perhaps as much as a fifth of the breeding population. Pere-grine falcons' eggs had been taken from at least six nests in

Scotland and three in Wales. Mr Keith Morton, an RSPB investigations officer, said the society was asking the Gov-ernment to introduce more effective penalties.

• For the second year running starlings are Britain's most common garden birds, according to a survey by nearly 5,000 members of the Young Ornithologists' Club, the society's

Bus hijacked

A gunman hijacked a minibus carrying a pool team shortly after midnight yesterday when he crashed a car while being chased by police at Basildon, in Essex. The man escaped after taking the eight people in the bus for a five-minute ride.

Official charged

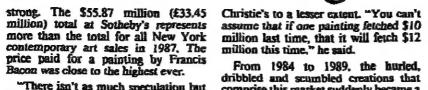
A former senior Treasury official has been charged in a travel expenses case. Magis-trates at Horseferry Road set unconditional bail until June 7 for Carole Hall, aged 40, who is charged with obtaining £326.33 by deception.

Case dismissed

An assault charge against Captain Brian Fanshawe, master of the Cottesmore Hunt in Leicestershire, was dismissed when the alleged victim failed to appear at court.

Chess battles

The new cycle for the world chess championship has be-gun at the British Isles zonal qualifying tournament in Blackpool. The first round saw the favourites, including Adams, the British champion, emerge as winners.



He blames Sotheby's most of all, with

million last time, that it will fetch \$12 million this time," he said.

\$17.1 million after a bidding battle with

sale, the company's contemporary art

a little ahead of themselves".

The fear is that the hysterical over-

THOUSANDS of doses of Transfusion centres, however, blood products for haemo- said that some patients had philiacs were recalled yes- already used some of the material. The Department of Health

said that the Factor 9 batch The move coincides with a had been tested, but further warning in today's issue of routine checking raised some The Lancet that many of discrepancy. "As a routine safety measure the batch was recalled." Dr Peter Kernoff, a member of the Central Blood similar products infected with Laboratories Authority, said the chances of a patient being form of the disease. Experts infected by Hepatitis B were writing in the journal say negligible. Most haemophiliacs were vaccinated against the virus and all blood products at Elstree were sterilized through heat treatment.

But Dr Kernoff, who is also director of the haemophilia reference centre at the Royal Free Hospital, London, added that the constant demand for repeated reassurances was unoratory at Elstree, Hertford- realistic. "Screening of whatshire. The laboratory, the ever kind has finite limits, It is main supplier of health ser-unlikely, but not impossible, unlikely, but not impossible, vice blood products, said the that an infection gets into the batch was of Factor 8 and pool, but heat treatment takes

> The study in The Lancet antibodies to hepatitis C virus (HCV) in 59 per cent of 154 haemophiliacs who had re-ceived Factor 8 or Factor 9, but in none of 25 patients who had never received the products. "There is an urgent need to eliminate HCV from clotting factor concentrates by screening and other means." the doctors, based at the Royal Hallamshire Hospital in Shef-

field, say in their report.

At present, health service products are not screened against hepatitis C virus because of uncertainty about the accuracy of existing tests, the Department of Health said yesterday. "The report adds nothing new or surprising to present know-ledge, and our blood products laboratory has had a completely clean record in transmission of hepatitis C," the department said. The issue of screening for HCV had been discussed by experts at the department, who had con-cluded there was "insufficient scientific information" about

Mr Watters of the Haemophilia Society said: "We are concerned that the Department is complacent about the safety of its blood products. Hundreds of our members may have been infected with nepatitis B from the suspect batch that is now being recalled. We have been unable to get any information or guidance from the Department today. The report in The Lancet is worrying and suggests that we have some way



to go before being safe from

Mr Watters: Accusing



The RAF's Falcons parachute team defy rain, low cloud and engine problems yesterday to celebrate 25 years of thrilling the crowds with their parachute displays. After an hour's delay they jumped, above, from a Hercules aircraft over central London and with red and white smoke trailing behind them landed neatly in front of the Tower of London, right. The 12-

man team has an outstanding reputation, but yesterday's jump was not one of the easiest. Flight Lieutenaut Chris Heathershaw, team leader, said: "This was quite a pressure jump. Our display tested us to the limit." The team will perform nearly 100 displays in Britain during its antiversary year with more in Italy, Belgium, Singapore, the US and New Zealand.

Lords ruling guarantees status of common land

By John Young

access to common land won a gent legislation. notable victory yesterday when the House of Lords said the ruling would set a registration of two commons precedent for a number of after disposing of the titles.

Lord Templeman said a ing that a landowner was entitled to deregister the land after selling his title of lord of the manor.

been three times more likely

to die soon after birth, and

more at risk of immediate

health problems, than infants

ing to a nine-year study published today.

babies has been the increased

and low birthweight asso-

ciated with the high number of

multiple births resulting from

in-vitro fertilization (IVF) and

gamete intrafallopian transfer

The Medical Research

Council study in today's issue of the British Medical Journal

found that one in four of the

deliveries was multiple, com-

in 80 in England and Wales.

twins and 4 per cent were triplets or quadruplets. The

high incidence has been due to

pared with an average of one

(GIFT) treatment.

The decision effectively reestimated 900,000 acres of common land in England and 450,000 acres in Wales. However, campaigners were quick to point out that a single

CAMPAIGNERS for the con- ploughing, fencing and dev-

similar applications, which could now be expected to be set aside. A similar ruling 10 years ago would have prevented the loss of some 50 moves one threat to the commons that had been deregistered since a Court of Appeal decision in 1980. The Rambiers' Association welcomed the decision.

In a unanimous decision, decision on one specific issue the Law Lords allowed an did not provide a safeguard appeal by Hampshire County from other threats such as Council against a judge's de-

single pregnancy. Infertility clinics now adhere to guide-

lines that only two, and in

exceptional cases, three em-

"The number of multiple

Premature deliveries and

low birthweights were about

four times more common

among the babies than the

national average but congeni-

tal malformations detected in

the first week of life were

said yesterday that their find-ings showed that test-tube

baby techniques were gen-

erally safe and that the bene-

The average age of the mothers in the study was

almost 34 years, compared to

The authors of the study

about the average.

Test-tube babies'

high mortality rate

By Thomson Prentice, Science Correspondent

TEST-TUBE babies have to improve the chances of a

conceived naturally, accord- bryos, should be transferred.

dangers of premature delivery study said yesterday.

Shed today.

The main hazard to the conception is likely to be abies has been the increased reduced," the authors of the

Among 1,581 births that fits to infertile couples far were studied, 19 per cent were outweighed the hazards.

doctors transferring into their the average in England and

patients four or more embryos Wales of almost 29 years.

cision that Sir Anthony tinuation of historic rights of elopment, which required ur- Milburn, of Guyzance Hall, Acklington, Northumberland,

victory by Sir Anthony would have made a nonsense of the Commons Registration Act, 1965, and would have defeated the recommendations of the Royal Commission on Common Land, which were aimed at preserving "the last reserve of uncommitted land in England and Wales" for the benefit of the public.

Sir Anthony sold the lordships of the manors of Putham and Hazell, near Basingstoke, Hampshire, in November 1981, but retained ownership of 338 acres of Hazeley Heath and 27 acres of Mattingley Green, which were registered as common land.

He had reasoned that, if the land were removed from the register, it would become more valuable. He had argued that it had ceased to be "waste land of a manor", under the old manorial system inherited from the Normans, since it no longer belonged to the lord of the manor.

However, Lord Templeman observed that the only reason for the land becoming more valuable would be that it had ceased to retain common access. Parliament could not have intended that such land should be taken off the register as soon as the lordship of the manor was sold separately. "It is impossible to read the

report of the royal com-mission without reaching the conclusion that Parliament intended to prevent waste land ceasing to be common land, so that existing public rights of access would be preserved, and so that provision could be made in future for public access to be granted," he said.



Labour will break up Murdoch group

Ry Richard Evans, Media Editor

A LABOUR government will Mr Kinnock, interviewed for break up the media group in Channel 4's Hard News, sug-Britain controlled by Mr Rupert Murdoch and introduce a statutory right of privacy and reply, Mr Neil Kinnock says broadcast this evening.

The reaffirmation by the Labour leader that News International would be split up was made hours before the Commons rejected an amend-ment to the Broadcasting Bill which could have limited the group's stake in Sky Television to 20 per cent.

The Bill contains reserve powers which allow the Home Secretary to change crossmedia ownership rules and would enable a Labour adminstration to break up the group. News International publishes The Sun, News of the World and Today, while its subsidiaries include Times Newspapers, publishers of The Times and The Sunday

gests that legislation, based on US taws, is required to limit concentration of ownership. He says: "There is a problem in a television interview to be with the concentration of ownership, especially when you have got a proprietor with a strong proprietorial sense; consequently, not for our use or our good as a party. But I think for the fair transmission of information in use to millions of people, it is necessary to see that there is less of an oligarchy in our newspapers.

> "The best model so far, and we are testing this, is the one offered by the US legislation that imposes statutory limitation on proportions of ownership of a particular media outlet, whether it is television or radio or newspapers."

With the Calcutt committee report on privacy due soon. Mr Kinnock commits his party to an enforceable right of Law Report, page 38 | Times, and Sky Television. privacy and right of reply.

A knock-down is nigh, page 16 **InterCity** tickets ring the

By Michael Dynes Transport Correspondent

changes

BRITISH Rail yesterday unveiled a series of wideranging changes to InterCity standardclass return tickets, including new brand names, reduced travel restrictions and colour-coded timetables, all effective from Sunday.

The changes come at the same time as the seasonal price adjustments, which are designed to take advantage of increased demand for leisure travel. These put about £2 on most discounted tickets and will be withdrawn in October when demand falls.

Under the new ticket structure, the discounted Blue and White Saver tickets are to be replaced with Saver and Supersaver tickets on core routes of the passenger

network. Saver tickets, which are cheaper than the current fullprice standard tickets, will be available on a wide range of outward journeys, and will have no restrictions on return travel, unlike the existing

White Saver tickets. Supersaver tickets, the cheapest return ticket avail-able, will be valid on most off-peak trains, excluding Fridays and other peak travel days, and will have less restrictions on return journeys than exist-ing Blue Saver tickets. Open Return tickets, designed for business travel, will replace the full-price standard return

Ticket colour codes will be also be used in all new timetables and promotional literature, with red indicating Open Return services, white indicating Saver services and blue showing Supersaver ser-

Where InterCity trains pick up local traffic in both provincial and Network SouthEast areas, the existing cheap day returns and travel cards will still be valid for any journey of

less than 50 miles. Mr Robert Mason, Inter-City's marketing director, described the changes as the biggest shake-up of ticket types for many years", which had been designed to make travel on InterCity more flex-

ible and easier to understand. Train and price information will be available at the point of sale enabling passengers in-stantly to identify which colour tickets are valid on what trains. Mr Mason said the new ticket structure had been made as "simple and understandable as possible" to encourage people to travel on

less busy trains.
"Clearly we have to have a structure which differentiates between one customer travelling to London in the morning peak hour and another travelling across the country in the middle of the day. Our objective has been to make the rules as clear as possible," he said.

 Legislation to install a national network of video cameras to catch motorists jumping red lights could be implemented in the autumn, Mr Robert Atkins, the Under-Secretary of State for Transport, said yesterday.

The video cameras would be installed at thousands of busy traffic light junctions around the country, and would be able to photograph the number plates of vehicles failing to stop at red lights. Police corroboration is required to secure a conviction and a legislative change would be needed to convict motorgraphs alone, Mr Atkins said.

Style and wit triumph over hard sell in TV advertising

By Richard Evans, Media Editor

ciate commercials more than ever before, according to research published yesterday. Gone are the days when advertising agencies were regarded as unscrupulous manipulators treating people as mindless dupes to make them

buy the latest gadget. Today's consumer understands mar-

keting jargon, but is discerning

about what a commercial says and how it is made. Viewers watch up to 200 erage, according to the survey and Hush Puppies. conducted by The Research

advertising agency. Wit and originality impress audiences rather than "hard sell" tech-George Cole, best known as

Arthur Daley of Minder, was particularly praised for his peformance on Leeds Building Society commercials by a panel of 50 middle-range households which kept a viewing diary last October. Other campaigns mentioned were for Carling Black Label, PG commercials a week on av- Tips, Andrey, Perrier, Persil

Although a record 81 per

TELEVISION viewers appre- Business for the Leo Burnett cent of people now "totally approve" of television advertising, they do not like to be bectored, talked down to, or cheated. "Respondents were happy to go along with the selling process, only if the message appreared relevant. well executed and eye-catching," the survey said.

The viewers' panel was balanced by 30 marketing experts. "Their responses were quickly shown to be virtually indistinguishable, with marketing jargon now an estab-lished part of consumers' vocabulary.

The perils and pitfalls of percentages percentage rate) meant in relation to a laboured under the delusion that it was

By Robin Young

READERS of The Times understand percentages better than readers of any other national newspaper, yet if I wrote that only 45 per cent of *The Sun* readers realize that four in ten is the same as 40 per cent (which is true), I would be leaving 13 per cent of you in the dark.

For the comfort of those who may be confused, I should obviously reassure them that 13 per cent is more than one in eight, so they are by no means alone. The research organization Public Attitude Surveys conducted an experiment asking 1,834 people aged 15 and over to identify the meaning of "40 per cent".

The organization undertook the task because its concern was aroused after it had found in a survey for the Office of Fair Trading, that well over half of credit users had no idea what APR (or annual

In the survey, respondents were given a choice between "one in 25", "a quarter", "one in 40" and "four in ten" and only 53 per cent (that is just over half) got it right.

Fourteen per cent (just over one in seven) guessed it was "one in 40". Ten per cent (a tenth) thought 40 per cent was a quarter, and five per cent (a twentieth) reckoned it was "one in 25".

When the question was posed a second time in simpler form, offering a choice "40 in every 100". "one between fortieth", "40 in every 1,000" and multiplied by 40", 69 per cent (that is more than two-thirds) got the answer

correct by choosing the first option. That still left 6 per cent (almost one in 17) who believed that 40 per cent was a fortieth; 5 per cent (one in 20) who

40 in every 1,000; and 4 per cent (one in 25) who mistakenly supposed that it meant "multiplied by 40".

Happily, 97 per cent of Times readers (that is all but three in a hundred) recognized that 40 per cent was the same as 40 in every 100. Only 87 per cent had recognized that 40 per cent was also "four in ten" - which means that 13 in 100 Times readers failed that test. But both those scores were better than those for readers of any other newspaper.

The runners-up were The Guardian (only one twentieth of their readers that is 5 per cent - did not know that 40 per cent meant 40 in every 100), followed by Financial Times. Surprisingly 11 per cent of that statistic-ridden sheet's readers (more than one in ten) had not yet grasped that 40 per cent is just another way of expressing 40 in 100.



SCOTTISH CONSERVATIVE PARTY CONFERENCE/ABERDEEN

Doubts grow over Rifkind's future as split deepens

MR MALCOLM Rifland, the Secretary of State for Scotland, yesterday challenged his critics to show themselves as a damaging split between the right and left factions of the Scottish Conservative Party emerged at the start of its annual conference.

The split, the subject of continued gossip since last summer, was blown into the open as the conference opened in Aberdeen, with criticism of Mr Rifkind, and the possibility that Mrs Margaret That-cher may be contemplating his removal from office, becoming the main topic of conversation. The issue forced the Prime Minister to mount an immediate rescue operation on Mr Rifkind's behalf in the House of Commons where she said he was one of the best secretaries of state Scotland

A report carried in two Scottish newspapers, how-ever, hinted that the Prime ter may replace Mr d with Mr Michael Forsyth, the Scottish party chairman. It also suggested that Mr Rifkind may be given an alternative Cabinet post.

Before the conference began, Mr Rifkind said: "If people have views to express, do that. He quite rightly called then let them have the guts to come forward. They have three days at this conference to express their views if they

At the centre of the dispute was Mr Bill Walker, MP for Tayside North, a right-winger dispute over community

Reports by Kerry Gill and Nicholas Wood

who, although not quoted, spent most of the morning attempting to distance himself from the story. When pressed on his views, he said: "Of course I want Michael Forsyth to be Secretary of State because that would mean that both he and Mr Rifkind would be in the Cabinet and that would be good for Scotland. A grain of truth has been blown up out of all proportion."

Mr Walker, clearly un-comfortable, dismissed as "misinformation" suggestions that he would ever be disloyal to the Prime Minister, Mr Rifkind or Mr Forsyth. "It is about time we as a party closed ranks and settled with the enemy, not ourselves," he told the conference during a debate on the poll tax.

Mr Rifkind said later that he wished Mr Walker, the vice-chairman of the party in Scotland, had made his views known to him personally rather than through the media. "If Bill Walker made various remarks to the press then I just wish he would say them to me as well. It would be quite useful for your colleagues to for unity - it is a very im-portant principle."

The Secretary of State's position has been in doubt since the Budget débacle when he failed to warn the Cabinet that there would be a furious

fered to the English but not being made retrospective for

Within two days of the Budget announcement, Mr Rifkind was forced to announce that he was providing £4 million from the Scottish Office budget to make the measure retrospective after all. Mr Rifkind is believed to have offered his resignation to Mrs Thatcher because of his failure to warn the Cabinet over the issue.

Mr Rifkind also came in for sharp criticism when he at-tacked Mr Bruce Millan, one of Britain's European commissioners, because of a cut in grants to the Highlands. Mr Rifkind's opponents were quick to point out that he had picked the wrong target as Mr Millan was not responsible for the policy in question.

Mr Rifkind is believed to have suffered a severe dressing down from the Prime Minister over the Budget issue. The débacle is known to have cost the Scottish Tories up to four percentage points in an opinion poll commissioned only days later, and left them with an uphill struggle to regain some popularity before the regional elections.

The Conservatives attracted just over 19 per cent of the vote in the regional elections but it is equally clear that without the Budget dispute they would have achieved up to 22 or 23 per cent of the



Distracting matters: A delegate reading The Times report on Mr Heseltine's proposals for the poll tax as Mr

Forsyth condemns Tory snipers

MR MICHAEL Forsyth, the members of the Tory party. for them, and I, for one, am chairman of the Scottish Con-"Loyalty is the currency of sick and tired of it." Mrs servative Party, announced that he was launching a recruiting drive as the first step in a crusade that would lead the Tories to victory at the next general election.

The time had come, he said, for the utmost loyalty rather than the sniping from certain

success, not mutiny." In an Thatcher was bound to win a Heseltine, Mr Forsyth said:

"Every Conservative can get front page coverage by publicly attacking the leadership and policies of this party. But be in no doubt that they are north of the Border, had seen doing the Opposition's work its vote soar in the Conser-

obvious reference to Mr fourth term of office and Scotland had benefited from the Prime Minister's vision.

> The Scottish party, which already boasts more members than any other political party

vative heartlands of Scotland in the regional elections. "We left our opponents chasing their tails and increased our share of the vote. It was a beginning. At last the great engine of Scottish conservatism is moving forward." Scotland was the fastest growing part of the United Kingdom. Mr Forsyth said the roof tax

was Labour's Titanic, only worse: "At least the Titanic did not sink when it was launched." It was typical of Labour: ill-conceived, inept and inordinately expensive.

"Do you fear as much as I do that Labour would make Scotland the laughing stock of Europe, with our roof tax, income tax, our assembly tax and our nice car with a sunroof and metallic paint tax? All there to subsidize productivity at Dundee ballbearing factory number 439."

As for the Scottish nationalists, "They would give us Bulgaria with bagpipes. The only people left with any money would be the SNP councillors, who have been claiming their attendance allowances while telling people not to pay their community charge."

 The Government is almost certain to introduce new legis lation that would extend its rents-to-mortgages scheme whereby the rent paid by a tenant is turned into a mortgage, with the Government holding the balance of the home's value - to local authority tenants throughout Britain.

Lord James Douglas-Hamilton, Under-Secretary of State at the Scottish Office, said yesterday he hoped there would be an announcement soon. The Government had been encouraged by the response to the trial scheme in Scotland, he said,

High tax fears over devolution

SCOTLAND would become the most heavily taxed part of the United Kingdom if a Scottish Assembly with fiscal powers were established, a leading businessman told the

Mr Ewan Marwick, chief executive of the Glasgow Chamber of Commerce, said the country had been presented with a confusing menu of proposals and counter proposals by the devolution lobby since the 1979 referendum. Most included tax-raising powers but the devolutionists had said nothing about how they would be financed.

An assembly would be bound to intervene and meddle, whatever its powers, and business would have to bear the cost of conforming to different practice in Scotland. Successful companies, management and workers would subsidize failures and competitors so that in the end they would move away, he said. Business confidence was already being eroded by the Scottish Constitutional Convention and its supporters, who did not know whether they wanted a "monster local authority or a wee Parliament".

Mr lan Lang. Minister of State at the Scottish Office, said it was inconceivable that the Scottish economy would not suffer if there were an assembly tax on top of existing taxes, "The consequences are obvious. Economic activity would slow down, spending in the shops and on services would suffer, higher wage claims would be lodged, costs would rise, competitiveness Coast line, at a cost of would fall, jobs would dis- £80million, as part of an appear and new investment integrated National network parts of the UK," he said.

Poll tax rebates sought for wives

WIVES who stay at home to look after young children should be entitled to reductions in their poll tax bills, representatives at the Scottish Conservative Party conference urged yesterday.

The idea, which has some support among Conservative backbenchers and ministers, will be considered as part of the Government's review of the operation of the community charge, Mr Malcolm Rifkind, Secretary of State for Scotland, said after the debate, He made clear yet again, however, that he did not favour sweeping changes to the poll tax which, he believes, has begun to gain acceptance among Scottish voters.

There was, however, no mistaking the support for special help for non-working wives. Mr Paul Martin, an Edinburgh councillor, was loudly applauded when he singled them out as being in need of assistance. He pointed out that the Government had introduced separate taxation of husbands and wives and added: "I think there is a strong case for doing the same thing for the community charge and where busbands and wives do not have incomes, giving rebates regardless of their spouse's income."

Mr Arthur Bell, chairman of the Scottish Tory Reform Group, backed this appeal. "We should be looking at the position of non-working wives because there is no doubt that some people on low incomes are paying far more in poli tax than they were in rates. It's unfair. The tax needs adjusting."

Mr Rifkind told reporters that he did not believe that the wife of a millionaire should be subsidized by the tax payer.

The secretary of state led a move by Scottish Tories to calm anxieties over the poll tax among English Tory back-benchers. He was supported by Mr Jackson Carlaw, of Eastwood, a speaker from the floor, who said it "stuck in his throat" that southern col-leagues, who had lectured Scottish Tories about the need for "backbone" in the face of their past difficulties, were complaining about the first big policy problem they had

Mr Rifkind said that the results of the local council vatives bucked the national trend in Scotland and increased their share of the vote. should steady the resolve of "some of our less robust party colleagues in the South".

He added that the regional elections showed that excessive spending was likely to be curbed when everyone contributed to the cost of local services. Looking forward to the review, he gave warning against "throwing billions of tax-payers' money at local authorities in an unrealistic attempt to secure a massive reduction in poll tax bills".



Mr Parkinson: BR will take Scotland into Europe

Pressure for tunnel rail link

MR CECIL Parkinson came under pressure yesterday to approve a fast rail link from Scotland to the Channel Tunnel. Labour is already working on plans for a line carrying passengers at up to 190mph and the issue is assuming growing importance as the date for the opening of the tunnel approaches.

Representatives at the conference applauded speakers who said that unless rail services to the Continent were much improved the country would fail to reap the full benefits of the project.

The Secretary of State for Transport maintained, however, that British Rail's existing plans for a £1 billion upgrading of passenger and freight services would "take Scotland truly into Europe".

Mr Alick Buchanan-Smith. Tory MP for Kincardine and Deeside, called for the electrification of the Edinburgh to Aberdeen section of the East would be switched to other connecting Scotland to the Channel Tunnel.



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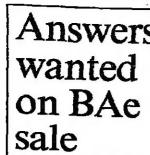
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The Opposition demanded an early statement on what it called "the continuing cover-up" of details of the sale of Rover to British

Dr John Cunningham shadow Leader of the Com-mons, accused the Govmons, accused the Goverument of persistently
misleading the Commons
over the deal. He demanded
"the earliest possible statement by the Secretary of State
for Trade and Industry so
we can have some frank answers as to what exactly is
going on".

Sir Geoffrey Howe, Leader of the Commons, rejected any suggestion that there was a cover-up. The deal was the subject of an in-vestigation by a select

690 jobs at risk, says MP

A request by Ms Dawn Primarolo (Bristol South, Lab) for an emergency debate on the closure of the Imperial Tobacco Factory, an-nounced yesterday, was re-jected by the Speaker (Mr Bernard Weatherill).

Ms Primarolo said that the closure of the Bristol company would mean the loss of 690 jobs in favour of land speculation. When founded by WD & HO Wills, the city had been assured that the factory could turn to producing confectionery within a week if need be, but greed had been the decid-

Sleeper not to be restored Calls for the restoration of

the British Rail sleeper service between Euston in London and Strangaer were rebuffed by Mr Peter Botton by Mr Peter Bottomiey, Under Secretary of State, Northern Ireland, at ques-

Had more people used the sleeper, it would have been more commercial, he said in response to Mr George Foolkes (Carrick, Cumnock and Doon Valley, Lab) and Mr Roy Beggs (Antrim East, UUP) who called for the immediate resumption of the service.

Czech visit for Howard

Mr Michael Howard, Secretary of State for Employment, is to visit Czecho-slovakia next week to offer support and help in the development of small firms. employment services and

£5.5m aid

Britain is to contribute a further £5.5 million of emertonnes of food aid at a cost of £2 million for Mozam-bique, Mrs Lynda Chalker, Minister for Overseas Development, announced in a Commons written reply.

Parliament next week

The main business in the House of Commons next week is expected to be: Monday: Debate on Conservative backbench motion on Labour taxation policy. Private Bill. Tuesday and Wednesday: Finance Bill, committee Thursday: Employment lill, remaining stages. Friday: Debate on a

The main business in the House of Lords is expected to be: Monday: National Health Service and Community Care

day. Tuesday: Law Reform (Miscellaneous Provisions) (Scotland) Bill, report, first

cultural, humanitarian and spiritual co-operation in Europe and on nuclear disarmament. Thursday: Law Reform (Miscellaneous Provisions) (Scotland) Bill, report, sec-

ond day. Friday: Environmetal Protection Bill, second Parliament today Commons (9.30): Private members' Bills, Sexual Of-

fences Bill, remaining Ulster power talks under way

Answers Viewers to benefit from 'vastly increased choice'

choice of programmes for television viewers is in prospect as a result of the satellite revolution, Mr David Mellor, Minister of State, Home Office, told MPs when he moved the third reading of the Broadcasting Bill in the

Commons yesterday. He said that the Bill, which provides for the establishment of a third commercial channel and sets up a new controlling body, would rank as one of the most important reforms of broadcasting in the past 50

Mr Mellor said that opportunities were being provided by the remorseless onward march of technology for the enhancement of viewer and listener

The Government would have been criminally negligent not to have recognized that choice, if it was to be enhanced, had to be enhanced within a proper statutory framework. He believed that the con-

sequences of the Bill for the community would be consid-erable and beneficial. This would in due course rank as one of the most important reforms of braodcasting in the past 50 Every decade or so there were

times in which an important step forward was possible. In the 1950s, they had agreed the ITV system; in the early 1970s, the regional commercial radio network; in the 1980s, Channel 4. Early changes in broadcasting had been accompanied by an inevitable fear of change with

Cassandra voices warning of the damage which would be done. "I have always taken comfort from the fact that most of the Cassandra voices have been wrong and I believe that in 10 years' time a lot of people will look back and say this Bill is a

good thing." The satellite revolution was upon us. He did not know whether the bold ventures with Astra as well as BSB would win audiences. It was not a matter for the Government

However, it was all to the good that viewers were going to be offered an enlargement of choice and it was a ribute to the entrepreneurial vigour of the people involved. They were prepared to invest considerable sums of money which were not about pap and the lowest possible denominator, as dem-onstrated by Sky's 24-hour news and a whole range of decisions

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because it could be exploited to because it could be exploited to transmit filth. There was the danger of having a damaging level of filth which was linked with crime, particularly against women. The Council of Europe convention on broadcasting was acting more quickly than could have been expected to stop unacceptable programmes crossunacceptable programmes crossing frontiers.

As a result of the Bill viewers would have more choice. When they were given more choice, they seized it. The legislation also offered tremendous oppor-tunities to the broadcasters.

They had the chance of an lented expansion in broadcasting without having to shuttle between the BBC and ITV. "If we do believe in the quality of British broadcasting, it should not be a well kept secret. We should recognize the opportunity for good British opportunity for good bridsh programme-making around the world and my vision of British broadcasting is not confined to British audiences, but to providing the best in Europe and indeed worldwide." If British companies were

successful, there could be an inexorable rising demand for new programmes. "I believe we are in a good position to provide Mr Robin Corbett, an Oppo-

sition spokesman on home af-fairs, said that there was a single question to be asked: Would television and radio services be better or worse or simply different as a result of the Bill? Labour welcomed the new

technology and the extra choice and variety which could have been provided by the Bill. It failed because the Government had abandoned much of the sensible basis on which tele-vision and radio had been built and developed in the past. The choice in the Bill would

not be extended to those who watched and listened but to those who offered cash to broadcast. There would be more stations, but experience in West Germany, France and Italy sug-gested that that would mean less drama. education and social action broadcasting.

"The reality of this Bill is that abandons the viewers and listeners to the outcome of the adcasting market." He had argued hard and long about the need to restrict the

holdings of newspaper owners in television. Mr Murdoch owned 35 per cent of the Sunday and daily press and was heavily involved in Sky. It was not just Labour which

THE Prime Minister has com-pleted the government changes caused by the resignation from the Cabinet of Mr Peter Walker,

Mrs Thatcher announced two

appointments in the whips'

SOCIAL SERVICES

the committee's report and the widening gap between the poor-est people in Britain and those

who were very well off.

Satellite posed a dilemma saw danger in this dominance of Two whips appointed

an indictment'

THE report of the Select Com-

THE report of the select Com-mittee on Social Services reveal-ing that the poorest section of the community was not doing as well as claimed was a "damning indictment" of government pol-icy towards low-income fam-ilies, Dr John Cumpingham,

shadow Leader of the Com-

Is exposed the "totally bogus persistent claims" of the Prime Minister and other ministers

that people on low incomes had been doing well and been fairly treated, he said during ex-changes about forthcoming

business in the House. Did it not contrast starkly with the hugely more favourable treatment of

those on high incomes, who had

The Government should pro-vide time for an early debate on

mons, said.

our media by a single, wealthy voice. The rules should not depend on where and with whom Mr Murdoch ate his

"That is why an in-coming Labour government will ensure that Mr Murdoch will be given equality of treatment and a sensible period in which to divest one or other of his Changes in the way Channel 3

the Bill would not give the diversity, quality and innovation that it should. It puts the accountants in the driving seat." Mr Roger Gale (Thanet North, C) said that the country

faced the prospect of pan-European broadcasting. There were already 17 television chan-nels available in many parts of this country, and another 16
Astra channels would be available later this year. The prospects were enormous

and the opportunity for pro-gramme makers was considerable, but he found it curious that some regarded the prospect of a tenfold increase in audience sizes as a threat.

Twenty-two national news-papers in this country were owned by eleven companies. There were well over 1,000 daily and weekly regional and local newspapers, none of which were in Mr Rupert Murdoch's hands. He did not believe that the prospect of having four of a prospective 47 or 48 television channels in the hands of some-one who also owned a few newspapers was a threat to

In fact, he would like to see the rules relaxed and news-papers able to acquire a greater share in television and radio and in more newspapers. It was a pity that the Bill did not allow local newspapers to have a controlling interest in community radio stations.

Mr Norman Buchan (Paisley South, Lab) said that the Bill would pass power in broadcast-ing to someone whose approach was seen every day in The Sun. The Rev Ian Paisley (Antrim

North, DUP) said that Christians had been outraged when the Bill was published. They could not understand why re-ligious broadcasting had been left out. They would now be pleased at changes which would allow freedom for the propagation of the Christian faith. Mr Robert Maclennas, Lib-

eral Democrat spokesman on home affairs, said that the Bill did not usher in an age of change for the 1990s with due regard to quality requirements. The debate had been dominated by the Treasury and the Department of Industry, not by Home Office

An opportunity had been missed by not having a tender-ing process for the franchises which focused on quality rather than cash.

He congratulated Mr Mellor on improving one of the worst Bills to confront MPs. They could now live with the arrange-

office to fill vacancies created by the promotion of Mr David Hunt to replace Mr Walker. Mr Bruce Grocott (The Wrekin, Lab) said that the Bill Mr Michael Fallon, aged 37 had been begun by a Prime Minister with a congenital ten-(Darlington, C) is promoted to a lord commissioner, the title dency to meddle in areas she did given to a middle-ranking whip. He is replaced by Mr Timothy Wood, aged 49 (Stevenage, C) not understand.

(left), who becomes an assistant whip. Mr Wood, who was first elected as an MP in 1983, has EC 'must act to free served as parliamentary private secretary to Mr Peter Brooke, the Northern Ireland Secretary. hostages' Poverty report 'is

The European Community should act as a body to try to secure the release of hostages in the Middle East. Mr Alistair Burt (Bury North, C) told the Commons at business ques-

He asked: "Why are we all Europeans for some purposes, but the hostages are French, Belgian, British or Irish?" Why could the EC not provide a forum to resolve the problem caused by the false jailing in Greece of Mr Paul

Sir Geoffrey Howe, Leader of the Commons, said that the Ashwell, the British lorry driver? The Commons should Government was concerned about the statistics which the debate these matters. Government had acted openly and quickly to correct. Sir Geoffrey Howe, Leader of Mr Jerry Hayes (Harlow, C) Government was vigorously said that the Leader of the Opposition's criticism of the representing its concern about Mr Ashwell's detention and Prime Minister for the mistake continued to press with sus-tained effort the concern for the hostages. The EC had been in statistics on the poor was irresponsible. The select committee was not accusing the Government of fraud or dishonesty. It had been a genuine mistake. seeking, through political co-operation, to enhance its ability

to work together on this. "But it still falls short of the ideal."



Keep the winning team, Tories told

CONSERVATIVES were offered free expert advice on team selection by a former first division soccer club chairman. The advice — never change a winning team — was accepted with alacrity by the present captain of the Conservative team.

At question time in the Commons, Mr David Evans (Welwyn Hatfield, C), former chairman of Luton Town FC, a team which has just have survived the struggle to avoid relegation, but only on goal difference, said modestly that he had an interest in a certain football

"It goes without saying that we never change a winning team", he said to Conservative cheers, "As she was our centre-forward and captain in 1979, 1983 and 1987 we are not going to change our winning team. "Our supporters would also be dismayed if we put a reserve team

entre-forward and captain on the field, notwithstanding that the Labour Party has second-rate ideas, second-rate policies and, as their supporters know, a sub-zero leader" (laughter). Mrs Thatcher: I know that he and I share the same goal. With myself as centre-forward and him as right winger, we should make a winning team (cheers and laughter).

Infertility help too uneven, House is told

By Sheila Guan Political Reporter

THE Government was crit-icized yesterday for refusing to icized yesterday for refusing to provide treatment and counseling for childless couples under the National Health Service throughout the country.

Ms Harriet Harman, the shadow health minister, produced a survey showing that couples can be forced to wait for the to two years for a first

up to two years for a first appointment for infertility During the committee stage scrutiny in the Commons of the Human Fertilisation and Embryology Bill, however, her amendments to improve services were rejected by the Covernment

overnment.

Ms Harman argued that the Warnock report, on which the legislation is based, had complained of haphazard and unsatisfactory organization and provision of infertility services in the National Health Service.

"The Government has ignored that recommendation. As a result, the advances made possible by research are avail-able only to those who can pay or the few who live in areas where the National health Service provides full services," she

As many as one in eight couples are estimated to suffer from fertility problems and 275,000 couples could be helped by in-vitro fertilization treatment, according to the most recent data. Ms Harman added: "Oppor-

tunities for treatment have ad-vanced enormously in the last decade with test tube babies, artificial insemination by donor or husband and improved surgery to clear blocked fallopian tubes. Yet provision in the health service is patchy and

Despite a recommendation in the Warnock report, the Gov-ernment had admitted that no national information on infertility or specialist services was

Ms Harman's survey of 121 district health authorities found that, for example, childless cou-ples in the Oxford or West offers nothing."

HEALTH SERVICE

Midlands regions stand a far better chance of being referred to a specialist clinic than those living in the North-west. Waiting times varied from only one to two weeks in areas covered by Bassetlaw and Macclesfield health authorities to as gruch as two years in

to as much as two years in Blackburg.

Ms Harman said: "This mean-spirited Government sees this medical advance, not as a gooderful controlled." wonderful opportunity to re-lieve the suffering caused by infertility, but as an additional and unwelcome cost to the health service.

"So, while the private sector pioneers new services, they remain out of the reach of those who cannot afford to pay. The Government must allow the National Health Service to more with the times and promove with the times and provide new treatment She also criticized the lack of counselling services for couples in many areas. District health

authorities reported that most counselling is done informally by the consultant, at family planning clinics or by staff in our-patients' departments.

For example, Canterbury and Thanet health authority told her: "The colposcopy nurse at Margate is very good at talking to patients, but she is not a fully trained counsellor, I am afraid." Wandsworth health authority wandsworth health authority reported a counselling service based on a hospital chaplain and two psychologists and South Manchester health authority reported a cut in non-medical counselling because of reductions in social services.

"Whether you can get intertility treatment depends on whether you can afford to pay", Ms Harman said.

"For many people these medi-cal advances hold out no hope at all, not because their condition is not amenable to treatment, but because they cannot afford to pay for private fertility testing and treatment and they live in

Council finance scrutiny plea A SELECT committee of the

Commons with power to send for witnesses and papers to inquire into local government, was suggested by a Conservative MP during question time. His suggestion met with a sympa-thetic response from the Prime

Mr William Powell (Corby, C) said that there was growing public anger, resentment and anxiety about waste of taxpayers' money by a number of local authorities.

PRIME MINISTER

with powers to call for persons and papers so that the facts could be laid bare. Mrs Margaret Thatcher com-

mended the work of the Audit Commission in identifying waste and making recommendations. Sir Geoffrey Howe, Leader of the House would have heard the suggestion of a select

inquiry and the best thing to do
was was to establish a special
diture comes from the taxpayer,
select committee of the House

I think it a very good point."

ford, C) asked her to consider more carefully the suggestion of

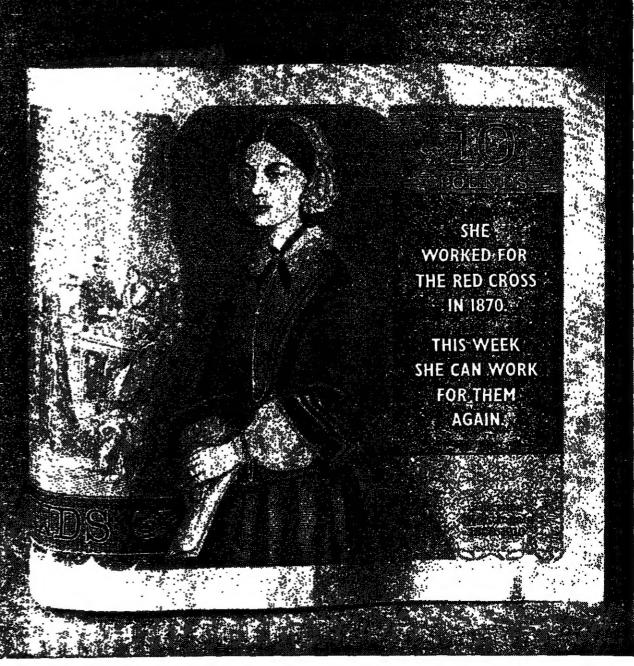
"After all", he said, "it could take evidence on the desirability of a roof tax and explore the sibility of how that would be implemented; and would she accept that the committee should be specifically excluded from questioning any members of the Labour Party, however distinguished, about whether they voted Conservative in the Ealing Borough Council elec-tion?" [Mr Kinnock, who lives

in Ealing, smiled.] Mrs Thatcher: Mr Tebbit makes his point more power-fully than I. Those who turned out the Ealing Labour council did a very good day's work (Conservative cheers).

Mr Michael Shershy (Ux-bridge, C): Will she take time to consider the excellent local elec-tion results in Hillingdon where the Conservatives won control of the council? Mrs Thatcher agreed, con-gratulated Mr Shersby, and said

that Conservative local govern-ment not only cost less but also gave much better service.

Tony Travers, page 12 Leading article, page 13



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MINISTERS have been talking with pol-itical leaders in Northern Ireland about the possible transfer of greater powers to local councillors, Mr Peter Brooke, Secretary of State for Northern Ireland, told the Commons during question time.

"I have made it clear that the Government would give serious consideration to any workable proposals for more local in-volvement in the government of Northern Ireland if they seemed likely to command

Mr James Cran (Beverley, C) said that far too much power was exercised by Northern Ireland ministers and not enough by local people. "Would be agreed that now is the time for Northern Ireland politicians to sink their differences, which we all accept have been very real, in the interests of transferring power which would be in everybody's interest?"

Mr Brooke said that Northern Ireland ministers did hold considerable power and the Government had been seeking to persuade locally elected politicians to agree to the transfer of some of that responsibility elsewhere. It was a two-way process which required talks and conversations.

Mr Clifford Forsythe (Antrim South,

NORTHERN IRELAND

UUP) asked, in relation to competitive tendering, what plans the Government had to prevent involvement by the paramilitary

Mr Brooke said that the Government had that danger and threat very much in Mr James Kilfedder (Down North, UPUP) said that the onus was on the

Government to act and it must no longer allow Dublin to stymie progress, by setting down the conditions for such progress. The Northern Ireland Assembly should be restored. The Government had brought it, scandalously, to an abrupt end before entering into the Anglo-Irish agreement.

which had been a betrayal of the vast majority in the province. "Surely now the Government should recognize that betraval and give power back to the elected representatives in Northern

Mr Brooke said that the Anglo-Irish agreement acknowledged the possibility of the transfer of power to local repreGovernment in such conversations would be related to the legality and modality to be expressed in discussions and talks. That rested solely with the parties in Northern Ireland and the Government. Mr Edward McGrady (Down South,

sentatives and the involvement of the Irish

SDLP) said that there were councils where, although minority parties had a substantial say, progress had been difficult. Sectarian attitudes were very much to the fore, particularly on Belfast corporation which ought to be the flagship in Northern trained Committee had been structured in freiand. Committees had been structured in such a way as to prevent the proper participation of minority parties which were deprived of a voice and representation. Financial resources had been denied for community services in minority areas. In those circumstances would the return

of power to local government not be inappropriate and best left to settlement between the parties in due course? Mr Brooke said that contacts between ministers and Belfast City Council had been limited in recent years. If advances were to be made in the transfer of power there would need to be widespread accep-

zance of the principles involved.

Foreign workers to be penalized in Soviet tax blitz

From Mary Dejevsky, Moscow

IVAN Ivanovich is in for a years. The new income tax than that - making an agrude shock on July 1; he will have to start paying a progressive income tax for the first and published in the press just with an average of 13 per cent time. But resident aliens like before the Victory Day holi-already being paid by resident the Schmidts and Duponts, not to speak of the rate of Soviet tax much as it is Hashimotos, will have an even ruder shock: they will find themselves elevated suddenly to the supertax bracket and could be called upon to settle bills equivalent to thousands of pounds before they can leave the country.

vich is not quite as desperate as it may seem. Most Russians at present pay a modest flatrate tax at 13 per cent of their income. All single people pay an extra "bachelor" tax, as do couples without children. This much-hated tax is to be phased out in the next five

Comecon chief pleads for time

From Michael Binyon

COMECON, the Soviet trad-ing bloc, has no future in its present form, its secretary said yesterday. But with radical restructuring it could play a vital role in economic re-search and helping East Euro-pean countries move to

Comecon could then help these countries adapt their economic rules to those of the European Community and the European Free Trade Association, according to Mr Vyacheslav Sytchev, Comecon's Soviet secretary. This would enable all three trading groups eventually to come together in a tripartite alliance of all the economies of

For this reason, Comecon was watching the negotiations between the EC and Efta with great interest, in the hope that it too could work out a new relationship with the EC.

Mr Sytchev told a conference in Ghent that all this would take time. Comecon could not be transformed overnight. It had already begun trading in convertible currency, but would still need to use transferable roubles and non-convertible East European currencies during a transition period. Comecon governments would still have to plan co-ordinated deliveries of fuel and raw materials. machine engineering, electronics and goods strategically

important for Eastern Europe. He denied that Comecon would collapse. But he admitted it was ossified, inflexible, out of touch with economic reality and increasingly irrelevant to world trade. While countries such as Taiwan, South Korea, Mexico and Brazil had doubled their sales of industrial goods to the West since the late 1970s, the Comecon share in these markets had halved. Exports to industrialized countries fell from 6 to 4 per cent between 1988 and 1989. And the share of world trade was a mere 9 per cent, with trade in high technology being infinitesimal.

Mr Sytchev suggested that Comecon would become little more than a central research and analysis organization. helping members with statistical data and co-ordinating policies in such fields as environmental protection, transport and power engineering

The trading bloc has virtually ceased to function after last year's revolutions in Eastern Europe and the economic collapse in the Soviet Union.

Soviet at the end of last month of all income. This compares day, has wisely left the basic foreigners. for people with incomes of coy about how the income of between 100 and 700 roubles resident foreigners will be (officially £700) a month. As monitored (especially if it the average wage is around 250 roubles a month, few Russians should need to cul-

on a recently disclosed salary of 900 roubles a month, will not feel too cool a draught and their "office" cars will not be taxed. The many Soviet workers who receive 13th, 14th, and even 15th month salaries and bonuses will still be outside the upper-tax groups, too, and the much-coveted 'business trips" to other cities or abroad - which can be little more than shopping opportunities — will be tax-free.

Those Soviet citizens whom the new tax system is sup-posed to catch will be as elusive as ever. Although one of the stated aims of the new law is "greater social justice", netting the truly astronomical sums "earned" by black marketeers and currency speculators will be almost impossible. Much of their money is immediately "invested" in valuables and scarce consumer goods.

For the foreign business community in the Soviet Union, the threat of the new law is immediate and of quite a different order. Foreigners working in the Soviet Union will be subject to tax rates of up to 60 per cent regardless of where their salaries are paid.

Because Western salaries are so much higher on average, almost all Westerners will fall into the highest tax bracket - this takes more than 30 per cent from sums up to 3,000 roubles a month and 60 per cent of any sum higher

counter-attack against the

European Community na-

tions which have been push-

ing for political union began

last night when Mr Douglas

Hurd, the Foreign Secretary,

made the first in a series of key

He set out to bring the

enthusiasts for greater unity down to earth by reminding

them that they have not yet

put into effect some of the

simplest decisions taken by

to improve national im-

plementation of Community

decisions". It may, however,

that Italy, one of the countries

most in favour of political

union, has been the slowest to

pass laws to give effect to EC

EC presidency from July, and

will be pressing for faster

Mr Hurd is to have talks in

Signor Giulio Andreotti, the of them.

Rome on Wednesday with

Italian Prime Minister, and

signor Ciriaco De Mita, the

Foreign Minister, who are

unlikely to be pleased by his

In a speech to the Scottish

system which the European

Commission has set up to

which comes into effect on

Mr Hurd said it was "a great

January 1, 1993.

progress towards union.

speeches.

law, passed by the Supreme gregate of around 48 per cent

Soviet finance officials are never enters the country), but Mrs Lyudmila Mamed, dep-uty head of the Finance Mintivate their tax man for the istry's tax department, said time being. "We have our ways." She dismissed sugges-Even Politburo members, tions that the new regulations would deter foreign business.

> Western commercial offices are worried, however. An otherwise reticent manager of one of the biggest American banks agreed that tax was "a sence in the Soviet Union. No one disagreed with the proposition that the new legislation would discourage for eign commercial interest in the Soviet Union.

Whitehall sources said Britain had been exempted from the new legislation because of a double taxation agreement with the Soviet Union. It is understood that most other countries did not make similar agreements with Moscow, because it was not thought necessary.

Even under such agreements, however, it seems that the foreigner will be required to pay the difference between the tax he pays to his own country's authorities and the Soviet rate.

● RIGA: A group of Latvian deputies left for Moscow yesterday to take part in the new session of the Supreme Soviet, hoping to discuss the Latvian independence process with Soviet officials (Anatol Lieven writes). Estonia, which this week matched the Latvian declaration of legal independence with a similar one of its own, is also expected to send deputies to Moscow. The Lithuanian leadership with-

Hurd turns the spotlight

on 'tortoises' of EC law

By Andrew McEwen, Diplomatic Editor

BRITAIN'S long-expected tortoises from the hares". He language, was to tell the pro-

Commission's latest figures

record for implementing Sin-

Britain has the best. He was

adopted by the Council of

Ministers. Britain has passed

all but nine into law, while

report on March 20. Whitehall

sources said that since then

Only 21 measures have been implemented by all 12

countries, and one, the Toy

standards for ensuring, among

other things, that eyes do not

fall out of teddy bears, has

been implemented by only

four countries. Britain is one

Mr Hurd proposed that the

system should be extended to

cover the whole range of EC

legislation, not just the part

included under the Single European Act. "We would like

presidency in July," he said.

outstanding, Belgium with 34

Mr Hurd's intention, al-

and Greece with 31.

Other nations likely to be

three outstanding.

toise and Britain a hare.

Mr Hurd presented what he Italy has 50 outstanding.

called "a new British initiative according to a Commission

be seen as a veiled reminder six measures, leaving only

decisions. Rome will hold the Safety Directive, which sets

Institute of Directors, Mr this new system to begin Hurd praised a monitoring operating with the Italian

record progress towards com-pletion of the Single Market, are Portugal, with 43 measures

did not add, but his audience federalists that they were

probably knew, that the going ahead 100 fast. He wants

show that Italy has the worst no moves towards political

gle Market decisions, while pleted six important pro-

therefore calling Italy a tor- These are the Single Market; a

The Commission has pro-posed 282 Single Market mea-the EC's part in the Uruguay

sures, of which 162 have been round of the GATT talks; the

Britain had cleared a further announce further initiatives



Teachers protesting outside the Volkskammer in East Berlin after a march through the city to demand higher wages. The teachers were among tens of thousands of workers throughout East Germany who went on strike to demand job security in the run-up to currency union

Kohl takes charge of reunification terms

HERR Helmut Kohl, the West German Chancellor. yesterday demonstrated to the Bundestag that he, and he alone, means to dictate terms for German unity. His speech was the most assured performance in a debate in which he showed that he had brought to heel Herr Hans-Dietrich Gen-scher, bis Foreign Minister, who had said last weekend that he would support a Soviet move to postpone the Nato question for some years in the interests of quick agreement

Herr Kohl, however, has now made it clear that East Germany would be under Nato's protection because it will be part of the sovereign territory of an alliance member. This means that at the next meeting of foreign min-

a pragmatic programme with

union until the EC has com-

grammes already under way.

new relationship between the

absorption of East Germany

into the EC; a closer relation-

ship with the rest of Eastern

Europe; and preparations for

an inter-governmental con-

soon. These will deal with

making the existing institu-

tions work better: improving

the EC's financial accountabil-

ity; and improving the balance

institutions and the national

• MOSCOW: A senior Euro-

pean Commission official said

vesterday that the EC and the

Soviet Union could use a

sweeping new joint trade and

parliaments.

shape Europe.

power between the EC's

Mr Hurd is expected to

ference on monetary union.

and the four victorious Sec-ond World War allies, the Soviet Union will be firmly not prepared to be taken over told that, while it can continue on dictated terms. to keep troops there for a limited number of years, East Germany will be under Nato's

Herr Genscher did his best to sugar the pill by telling the Bundestag that Bonn understood Soviet economic and security worries and was determined that German unity would not work to the disadvantage of any country concerned. He hinted strongly that Moscow could expect help to restructure its economy efficiently. "It is better to help the Soviet Union build up a peace industry in a reformed economy than to finance a new arms race," he

Herr Kohl, who had clearly made Herr Genscher alter his earlier position, devoted the bulk of his Bundestag speech to telling the East Germans bluntly that they had to introduce radical economic re-forms quickly if Bonn was to keep its promise of a Deutschmark takeover on

he lectured the East German Government on the need for economic responsibility. While the debate went on, tens

for protection against Western blocked motorways and border crossing points with tractors to support demands for job security for 600,000 integrated European Compeople and a 40-hour week. munity.

Herr Kohl was apparently not impressed. He said he had led West Germany through its most successful post-war economic period and having ignored expert Bundesbank advice to agree parity between Deutschmarks and Ostmarks. he was clearly in no mood for further concessions.

The East German coalition wants improved social benefits, including more generous treatment for pensioners and redundancy payments for workers who lose jobs by moves to a free market.

There is also concern that West German speculators will purchase property in East Germany at prices local people cannot afford, and so buy up the country. A compromise suggestion is that land can only be bought if it is to be used to create jobs, but this idea would require more regulation than Herr Kohl wants to see in a free market.

He is also fighting off attempts by the East German Government to tie his hands Referring to economic after union by fixing a budget Eastern Europe offered "real now which would oblige West Germany to finance projects and benefit schemes later.

According to Herr Kohl, all the worries were groundless. All the East German Governwould not endanger the stabilimports, while farmers ity of the Deutschmark and watch the economy of a united Germany grow in a way which would be a model for an

action on weapons

From Martin Fletcher, Kananaskis, Canada

meeting drew to a close here rearguard action against calls for the elimination of all the alliance's short-range nuclear weaponry in Europe.

The Dutch and the Ger-mans seized on President Bush's recent announcement that he would not be modemizing the US short-range nuclear arsenal to press for its total removal now that the Varsaw Pact faces collapse.

The arsenal, based largely in West Germany, consists of about 1.400 nuclear-tipped artillery shells and 700 ageing Lance missiles targeted on Eastern Europe's new democracies. Herr Gerhard Stoltenberg, the West German minister, said the arsenal should be eliminated through negotiation with the Soviet Union. Mr Relus ter Beek, the Dutch minister, went further, saying the shells should be withdrawn promptly and uni-laterally. Both claim wide support, particularly from the

Italians and Belgians. Mr Tom King, the British Defence Secretary, agreed at a press conference on Wednesday night that changes in tical nuclear weapons, but insisted that Nato had to retain a "sub-strategic" as well

as strategic nuclear deterrent. With the huge Soviet forces likely to be ended by treaty this autumn, Mr King said there was "a feeling around ... that that obviates the need for nuclear deterrence. You need only a superficial knowledge of history to know that's nonsense".

Mr King refused to say of what he thought a "sub-

British rearguard

THE Nato Defence Ministers' strategic" deterrent should Nuclear Planning Group consist. He said this July's Nato summit would instigate yesterday with Britain fighting a review of "the appropriate mix of conventional and nuclear forces" for the Alli-ance in a post-Cold War world.

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But British officials emphasized that Nato policy, agreed a year ago, was to aim for no more than "partial" reduction in short-range nuclear weap-onry, and that remained a policy which the Government

They claimed US support for this position, but aides to Mr Richard Cheney, the US Defence Secretary, said the Administration had yet to develop a formal position on the issue and admitted that the idea of unilaterally withdrawing some artillery shells was under consideration.

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Queen honours Budapest

From Alan Hamilton

THE Queen has given royal recognition to the Peto Institute in Budapest, which treats young victims of cerebral palsy by unconventional means, by awarding an honorary OBE to Dr Maria Hari, its director. The award was presented by the Princess of Wales yesterday at the end of the royal couple's four-day official visit to Hungary.

Some British medical opinion remains sceptical of the institute's methods, which are based largely on intensive physiotherapy, but 80 British children are being treated there, and the British Government is contributing £5 million towards a new and larger building.

During a heart-rending tour of wards and rooms filled with severely disabled children, the Princess met one of the institute's successes. Dawn Rogers, aged 9, from Nottingham, entered the institute three years ago unable to walk, speak or use her arms. Now she has the use of all her limbs, and speaks and writes fluent Hungarian as well as English. Dawn's parents have had to sell their frozen food business and remortgage their house to meet the £15,000-a-year cost of treatment, travel and accommodation in Budapest.

The Prince, meanwhile, paid a call on a Hungarian entrepreneur who managed to become a millionaire even under the communist regime. Professor Erno Rubik has already sold an estimated 100 million of his infuriating puzzle cubes, and uses some of the proceeds to fund an award scheme for young Hungarian inventors, much like the Prince's own innovation awards in Britain.

"Have you tried it?" the professor asked the Prince, proferring a cube. "Not yet," said the Prince, fiddling with the puzzle, "but I know it has driven thousands of people

Undeterred, the professor presented him with a selection of puzzles in which portraits of British royalty had to be lined up in place of the usual coloured squares.

The Prince's visit to Hungary has been much more overtly political than is usual for royal tours abroad.

Yesterday, just before the royal couple flew home, a large crowd turned out to greet them with applause, handshakes and requests for their autographs as they went walkabout in a Budapest square.

of thousands of East German workers showed their unment had to do was follow his superiority in conventional happiness with the terms for advice and example, incurrency union with strikes. troduce a social market econ-Shoemakers campaigned omy quickly in a way which

Iliescu keeps protest at bay

From Christopher Walker, Ploiesti, Romania

credentials to lead Romania into a new democratic era.

co-operation pact to help re-Mr Frans Andriessen, the Foreign Affairs Commissioner, told a news conference the pact, designed to boost trade and other links, was an important element for building what he said was the future

architecture of Europe. Soviet and EC officials yesterday opened two days of talks on how best to implement the pact, which was help in distinguishing ... the though he put it in diplomatic signed last year. (Reuter)

REVILED by students who nearest that anti-Front pro- suggestions that there should and Kremlin stooge, Mr Ion lliescu, the clear favourite to win the May 20 election for Front with the KGB. the presidency, is seen by most workers as a hero with the best

The dangerous polarization violent and often sinister elec- lives would be in danger." tion campaign, was nowhere The constant fear of inti-better demonstrated than in midation which has over-at the near-impossible task of this polluted, oil-refining city where he came to boost the National Salvation Front.

While a near-hysterical crowd of some 30,000 waited to chant approval in the shadow of St Vasile's Cathedral in the city centre, the stitute in Moscow, dismissed which started the revolution.

fought on the December bar- testers dared to come to the be 11th-hour changes to the held banners equating the

France or West Germany," a local tourist guide said. "If those people went any nearer of the country, reinforced by a to the Front supporters their

Mr Iliescu, who is said to

ricades as a closet Communist rally was a road junction two electoral law to prevent formiles away, where about 200 mer Communist Party stalront with the KGB. standing, "They do not trust the Romanian electorate, and

shadowed the campaign has unifying Romania. "For me. meant that posters are kept to he is a spiritual father. He is high hopes of the ruling a minimum and opposition rallies are few and far between,

have befriended Mr Mikhail Gorbachov when he was a student at the Molotov Inwarts like himself from

you are used to in Britain, maybe even now they will decide to break up the election," he told the huge crowd. Even political observers who are suspicious of Mr Iliescu's links with Moscow,

the man who was with us on December 21 and December 22." said Miss Georgiana Dewald, a young secretary who took part in the protests in the town of Timisoara



Fear behind Romania's election facade From Tim Judah Liberal Party. He said: "We've pre-

Raducameni, Moldavia

DESPITE reports of widespread intimidation in rural areas in the runup to the May 20 Romanian elections Mr Claudiu Ispir, the Mayor of Raducameni, is confident the campaign in his village is proceeding quietly but without incident".

But he says nervously: "I've been told not to talk about politics." Nevertheless, he is happy to show off the neat lists of Raducameni's 2,500 electorate, the list of local candidates and his new ballot boxes. These are stored next to the shed where Vasile,

the town hall pig, is snuffling happily. On the surface it is almost idyllic. Raducameni is a typical Moldavian village. It sits on a hill in rich wineproducing country and looks down on

the nearby Soviet frontier. "There's so much to do for the election." said the mayor. "I just wish it was over."

Mr Silion Pompiliu, the history teacher at the school, is the local organizer for the opposition National

sented our manifesto, and now we're waiting for the election result." And campaigning? "No," he said. "No canvassing - we want a civilized campaign." Has there been any trouble so far? Mr Pompiliu looked nervous. "No trouble."

Mr Pompiliu did not say that he had opened an office in the main street - but was forced to close it. It was in a room belonging the local tailor, Mr Ioan Faraon, who has to be convinced to tell the story. He said: "Mr Pompiliu persuaded me to give up my front room for the office. We had to close it after three weeks. We were constantly threatened. After I was physically threatened and shoved about on several occasions, my wife said I had to close the office. By that time even Mr Pompiliu, who of course had also been threatened, had stopped coming."

Across the road from Mr Faraon's house is the office of the local National Salvation Front. It is next to the pub which Mr Pavel Ciobanica,

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the local Front president, had clearly been visiting. With some jocularity he gestured to Mr Faraon's house: "The Liberals were there - the affair didn't last long." Mr Ciobanica claimed that the

people who signed up for membership thinking that they would get money for doing so. When they found out that they were mistaken they "destroyed" the place. As for his own party, Mr Ciobanica

Liberal office was forced to close by

said: "People are content here. The Front will win 95 per cent of the vote because President Iliescu has put forward such an extraordinary plat-When asked who is more important

in the village, the Mayor or the President of the local provisional council, Mr Ciobanica seemed unsure. At first he said the Mayor, then the President of the council. Who is head of the council? "I am, because my brother who was elected to the post was too busy to do the job." Meanwhile, interviews on the street revealed no open support for any party other than the Front Mr Nicolae Ilie, an electrician, will vote for the Front because it will "guarantee every worker a job". He said: "The Liberals mean capitalism."

Mr Ilie Dobrin, a gypsy, said he would vote for the Front because "lliescu fought with the gypsies in the revolution." Mr Petre Bejan, a shepherd, said: "I'll vote for whoever they tell me to vote for." So far. Mr Bejan said, he has been "told" to vote for Mr lliescu. He did not know the names of the other presidential candidates and could not say who is telling him whom to vote for. There is a counsel of despair in Raducameni: Mr Virgii Butnarasu, the English teacher, said: "Communism has poisoned the minds of our people. They have

become sheeplike." Meanwhile, Mrs Doina Cornea, the Romanian dissident, announced in Bucharest yesterday that she is going on hunger strike in solidarity with students protesting at the Front's

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Secondary smoking is blamed for lung cancer

From Susan Ellicott, Washington

"PASSIVE smoking" causes of cigarettes, has been at least 3,000 cases of lung cancer among non-smokers dissertation by a Yale Univer-each year and a significant sity doctoral candidate claimnumber of deaths and respiratory problems among the children of smokers, according to the tentative conclusion of the US Government's first official study of the effects of "second-hand" smoke.

The findings of the 18month study drew immediate wrath from smokers and America's harassed tobacco industry. Already under siege amid a decline in smokers in the United States in past years, American tobacco producers fear the report could lead the Government to label environmental smoke as a cancer causer and recommend policies on permitted indoor areas for smoking when it releases a full report.

Taking preventive action, Philip Morris Inc., the Virginia-based tobacco giant best known for its Malboro brand

FBI tape

on mayor

revealed

From Susan Ellicott

Washington

THE ability of Mr Marion Barry, the Mayor of Wash-

ington, to wriggle out of controversy has always amazed distributing copies of a dissertation by a Yale Univering to show that non-smokers do not suffer any significant harm from secondary smoke. The firm has complained that the Government had not looked at this analysis even though it was the most comprehensive study to date on passive smoking.

America's equally strident anti-smoking lobby has nevertheless declared the government study's provisional conclusions a milestone in its fight to persuade the American public of the toxicity of cigarette smoke.

Non-smokers hope the government study, conducted by the Environmental Protection Agency from 24 separate reports published in professional medical journals. will strengthen their argument over one of the most contentious issues in offices around the country.

The results of the EPA study, leaked in US news papers this week, are due for public release in June after a review by a panel of independent scientists. If published

than exposure to cancer-causing pollutants designed for outdoor use and restricted by the US Government under the

leagues ahead of Europe in recognizing the dangers of cigarette smoke. Smoking is rarely permitted in even lob-bies of cinemas and theatres. and Amtrak, the national rail system, has been cutting back the number of smoking carriages on main lines. Restaurants are obliged by state laws to offer customers sepa-

The environmental agency tion of smoking and nongovernment study could force the managers of buildings and public places to introduce



Leg work: Dr Robert Full of Berkeley, California, putting a centipede and a cockroach through their paces. He has found much in common with them: cockroaches, beetles — and humans — use the same basic gait when running

WHO rejects 'Palestine' membership

estine Liberation Organiza-tion to have "Palestine" World Health Organization McGregor writes). By consensus, without a vote, the 1,200- nationally recognized state. Nakajima, the WHO director-

adopted a resolution which, in Egypt, France, West Gereffect, shelved consideration many, Spain, Sweden, and admitted as a member of the of the request by the PLO now referred to as "Palestine" was rejected yesterday (Alan in UN documents - until the since the assembly opened on name is used for an inter- Monday. It directs Dr Hiroshi

Britain - was the result of three days of negotiations

Geneva delegate assembly of the The resolution — sponsored general, "to continue studies A NEW attempt by the Pal-WHO's 167 member states by 27 countries, among them on the application of Palestine general, "to continue studies and to report to the World Health Assembly at the appropriate time" - the time being left discretionary. The US had threatened to cut off its contributions if the appli-

Cemetery attack raises spectre of anti-Semitism

From Philip Jacobson, Paris

the growing strength of the extreme right here may set off a new wave of anti-Semitism. The concern of the Govern-ment was underlined by the immediate dispatch of M Pierre Joxe, the Interior Minister, to the scene of yesterday's outrage in Carpentras.

According to local police reports, more than 30 tombs were damaged. One grave had been opened and the recently buried corpse of an elderly man removed; it was found nearby, impaled on an um- , toral asset". brella handle. Investigators subsequently discovered four sets of footprints in the graveyard, but last night there had been no claim of responsibility for what appears to have been a methodical act of destruction

The vandalism will send a shiver down the spine of Jewish community leaders who see in the renewed strength of M Jean-Marie Le Pen's National Front a potent source of anti-Semitism. In one recent opinion poll, 77 per cent of National Front members questioned readily agreed

THE desecration of a Jewish cometery in the south of weakness for making grossly france has revived fears that Jews, M Le Pen shares that

In the past few months, a number of respected French magazines have addressed the issue of anti-Semitism, most concluding that it is on the rise again. A recent issue of L'Evenement du Jeudi recalled that there used to be an old saying "Happy as a Jew in France". That no longer app-lied, the article concluded. when anti-Semitism had become "a form of political currency and a potent elec-

Yesterday's incident Carpentras gains extra signifi-cance from the fact that it is one of the oldest Jewish cemeteries in France. The Jewish community there can trace its roots back to the 14th

The desecration of the graves was said to have been rected with anger and dismay by local people of all religious backgrounds.

Last night, the organization SOS Racisme issued a statement expressing "revulsion" at the incident. "This profanation recalls the the worst that they hated Jewish people. atrocities of the Nazis."



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Washingtonians. But yes-terday they had a preview of the city's most coveted video - of Mr Barry allegedly smoking crack cocaine. The Washington Post pub-Clean Air Act. lished details of a videotape made by the FBI four months

ago when they caught the Mayor in a "sting" operation — allegedly smoking cocaine with a former girlfriend in the pay of the FBL The Mayor is due to stand trial on June 4. Details of the video came as a Congress survey showed as

many as one in every hundred Americans are addicted to cocaine. In Washington, the figure rises to an estimated 33 ddicts in every 1,000. The Post said the

(£18) to the FBI's informant, Miss Hazel Diane "Rasheeda" Moore, to buy drugs. Mr

unchanged, the report would class cigarette smoke as a very dangerous carcinogen, or as much of a risk to human health as radon and benzene. which are on the Government's Class A danger list. One scientist for the environmental agency has cal-culated that the danger of inhaling secondary tobacco smoke is 100 times greater

The United States is already

rate smoking and non-smoking sections.

Barry's lawyers will use the

videotape to try to show their tougher measures still. client was entrapped. Navy declares war on drug smugglers

From James Bone, New York

about the dark side of the smugglers boats. cocaine capital of America.

"There were people lying on the streets; the cars were all burnt out; there were gangs on the street corners, and I saw a few dealing drugs," Able Sea-man Michael Saunders, aged 19, from Gateshead, said after spending a night in the ghetto with a patrol car. "It was frightening."

The tour does not just feed the fantasies of would-be Don Johnsons. It also serves as part of a young seaman's education about the scourge of narcotics.

On rejoining ship, Able Seaman Saunders becomes like his police escort that night - another foot-soldier in the war against drugs. He spends two watches a day on board the HMS Newcastle scanning a radar screen for possible drug smugglers.

In the past 21/2 years, the Royal Navy has played an increasing role in law enforcement efforts against suspected drug smugglers off the Florida coast. The Navy, fearing deep cuts in defence spending as East-West tensions ease, has now apparently decided to promote its activities as an anti-drug agent. Journalists were invited to spend three days this week on HMS Newcastle off the Florida coast. The Type 42 destroyer will engage in two-week-long anti-drug operations during its four-month tour as the Navy's guardship in the West Indies. In the Gulf of Mexico this week, the 280-man British warship led a taskforce of US Coast Guard cutters, patrol boats and jets.

The American armed forces have become increasingly involved in anti-drug operations with the passing of the Cold War. The Fentagon has ambitious plans to draw a radar curtain across the southern flank of the United States to

THE highlight of a port call by keep drug traffickers out. Un-the Royal Navy at Miami til those plans are finalized, these days is a cruise with a however, important gaps re-Dade County police patrol. main. US Coast Guard offi-The all-night tour brings cers estimate that between 10 young British sailors face to and 20 drug-laden aircraft still face with the world of Miami get through every month, as Vice, the television series do an unknown number of

> US authorities praise the Royal Navy for helping to reduce drug trafficking in the areas where it operates. "We can credit just the presence of the Royal Navy with some route displacement and mode displacement, forcing the traf-fic out of boats," said Captain Jack Linnon, Chief of Staff of the 7th US Coast Guard District, based in Miami. He would like to see more antidrug co-operation with the Royal Navy.

> Commander Hugh Daglish aged 39, from Birkenhead Captain of HMS Newcastle appeared keen to revive the Navy's old role of policing the high seas. Under international law, a warship can stop a pirate or a slave trader, but not a drug runner.

For HMS Newcastle, identifying suspicious boats and aircraft is the next best thing. "In this ship, there are plenty of people who have wives and children and think this is an evil trade and would be eager to have a part in disrupting it." Commander Daglish said. "I am keen to do it for that reason



to help stop the drug trade

Peking frees 211 dissidents held in purge on protests

From Catherine Sampson, Peking

the release of 211 people, including six of the leading activists detained after antigovernment demonstrations

The official news agency Xinhua said that "another 211 law breakers involved in the turmoil and counter-revolutionary rebelling last year have been given lenient treatment and released upon completion of investigations".

posts. They include two directors of social science research institutes; a publishing house editor; Mr Li Honglin, the president of a provincial academy of social sciences and former associate of the late party general secretary, Mr Hu Yaobang; and Mr Zhou Duo, a departmental president at the Stone Company, which was linked with disgraced party leader Mr Zhao Ziyang, and a colleague of Mr Wan

Chamorro offers amnesty

PRESIDENT Chamorro's National Opposition Union alliance passed an amnesty Bill in the Nicaraguan Parliament pardoning all political crimes committed before the law takes effect.

The vote on the Bill was 52-39 with the Sandinista minority opposing the legislation, saying it would pardon crimes committed during the regime of the dictator, Anastasio Somoza, who was overthrown in the 1979 Sandinista-led revolution. Señora Chamorro submitted the law to the Parliament to promote nat-ional reconciliation. (Reuter)

Biblical protest

Lagos - Hundred of women carrying Bibles and babies stormed a police headquarters in the Nigerian city of Kaduna, demanding the release of detained Christian

Women bishops Helsinki — Finland's

Evangelical Lutheran Church has voted by a narrow margin to allow women to become bishops. (Reuter)

Gibraltar visit Gibraltar - Sir Derek Reffell.

the Governor of Gibraltar, paid an official call on General Carlos Lopez Poza, his mili tary counterpart in Spain's neighbouring Campo area, renewing links severed 25 years ago during the Franco dictatorship.

Punjab killings

Delhi - Sikh militants shot dead Mr Kartar Chand, a Communist Party leader in the Indian state of Punjab, a day after eight people died in violence linked to the campaign by Sikhs for a separate state. (AFP)

Kurdish raids

Diyarbakir - Kurdish guerrillas killed six village guards and three railway workers in separate attacks in south-east Turkey, according to official sources here.

CHINA yesterday announced Runnan, who is now in exile

But perhaps the best known of those freed is Ms Dai Qing, a journalist with the Guangming daily newspaper, a former rocket designer, and campaigner for environ-mental protection. She had been thought immune from arrest, given her close family connections to one of China's heroes of the revolution, General Ye Jianying. Her paper Among those released are printed a letter of support for six intellectuals, all of whom the students last year, signed have been removed from their by several intellectuals. She called for freedom of the press and, after the Peking massacre in June, resigned from the

Communist Party. Contacted by telephone yes-terday, she refused even to say when she had been released, explaining only that she and the others in detention had been told to sign a document promising on their release not to answer journalists' questions or to accept long-dis-tance telephone calls, the latter condition apparently to

guard against contact with dissident groups abroad. Detention will have entailed a heavy diet of political education, but the authorities are well aware that people of the experience and calibre of these intellectuals cannot easily be brainwashed.

An official press conference is planned at which some of those released will be expected to testify to the leniency of the Government. It is not clear whether they have written confessions or self-criticisms, but such documents usually play a large part in the Chinese legal system and can swing the balance between release and continued imprisonment.

A public security spokesman referred to those released as "law breakers", without unknown.

saying what law they had broken. Apparently they have not been cleared of criminal activities, and so can be rearrested. But he guaranteed leniency "no matter which social stratum they belong to so long as they show a good attitude by admitting their criminal activities, make voluntary confessions and show repentence". However, "those who obstinately stick to a wrong course, refuse to repent and continue to do evil will surely be punished strictly in

accordance with the law".

The report did not explain why the 211 had been held for 11 months without trial. Apparently many of the bet-ter-known intellectuals were kept in the relative comfort of guest houses rather than overcrowded prisons.

Xinhua said that a 413 more "law breakers" were still in detention, being investigated by the police or dealt with by the courts. Sources say that several of those involved in the unrest last year and subsequently arrested - including teachers and government officials - are to be charged with crimes of counter-revolution.

The release of prisoners now may be a calculated concession to international pressure as the date approaches when the US Government will decide whether to renew China's "Most Fa-voured Nation" status. China released 573 people in January and lifted martial law in Peking, and last month lifted martial law in Lhasa.

However, human rights organizations believe that about 7,000 people were arrested in connection anti-government unrest last summer in Peking alone. The

US-Israel ties under strain

From Richard Owen, Jerusalem

RELATIONS between Israel orchestrated campaign to hurt and the United States, already under strain, plummeted further yesterday as Mr Moshe obligation to denounce this Arens, the Israeli Foreign effort. We would especially Minister, declared that the expect the United States to two countries were entering a oppose any such proposal." "tease period". He blamed for an Arab-inspired UN Security Council resolution condemning Jewish settlement in East Jerusalem and the occupied

In an unusual move Mr Arens summoned Mr William Brown, the US Ambassador, to the Foreign Ministry to protest against "a US attempt to co-ordinate with the Arab states a resolution of the Security Council dedicated to an Arab attack on the right of

Jews to immigrate to Israel". Diplomats said the United States would not vote for the forthcoming resolution, but would not veto it either. Senior Israeli officials said this amounted to US backing for a resolution aimed at "sabotaging Jewish immigration to

Mr Yosef Amihud, Mr Arens's sookesman, said Israel understood the UN resolution included references to the Palestinian "right of return" and described West Bank Arab states are mounting an in March.

Soviet Jewish immigration. The free world has a moral

Mr Arens said on Israel ments with the United States over settlements were "greater than ever before". The US is openly angry with Mr Yitzhak Shamir, the caretaker Prime Minister since March, for using his transitional powers to authorize new settlements in the West Bank and the Gaza strip.

Mr Shamir is now trying to form a right-wing administration, and this week rejected a Labour offer to negotiate a new broad left-right coalition.

Palestinian activists are sceptical about the US-Israeli row, saying that the underlying alliance remains strong. But Israeli officials are undoubtedly worried.

• Labour to blame Peres: A forthcoming internal Labour Party inquiry into the fall in the party's fortunes will put the blame squarely on Mr Shimon Peres, its leader. Leaks to the Israeli press suggest that he badly miscalculated in bringing down the 15-month old Labour-Jewish settlements as "il-legal". Mr Amihud said: "The Likud national unity coalition



ANC still holding prisoners

A SENIOR official of the African National Congress has confirmed it is still holding prisoners, and said he was moved to tears by a recent Albie Sachs, a prominent white member of the ANC legal and constitutional affairs committee, made the disclosures in an address to students at the University of Cape Town on Wednesday night.

He admitted that the ANC had mistreated prisoners in the past, and said: "We still have people in detention, even now." However, Mr Sachs, a organization had agreed on a code of conduct for dealing with prisoners and dissidents in 1985, and that he had drafted regulations forbidding torture and allowing suspects to defend themselves at special tribunals.

"If people come back and say they have been ill-treated by the ANC, it is not necessarback and say that is the ANC (policy), than that is lies." Mr Sachs said he visited a detention camp shortly before returning to South Africa last Friday from 24 years in exile. He declined to say where it is located, but dissidents claim there are ANC prison camps in Angola, Tanzania and Uganda.

Although the conditions were not as bad as he had feared, Mr Sachs said he had cried afterwards. "It was just sad to see that it was happening. When you join the ANC, you don't automatically become an angel."

Mr Nelson Mandela, the ANC Deputy President, admitted last month that torture had taken place after a mutiny in the ANC armed wing, Umkhonto we Sizwe. in Angola in 1984, but he said steps had been taken to ensure it was not repeated. However, Mr Steve Tshwete, a former ANC political commissar, subsequently argued that the persecution was justified by the exigencies of war.

"No army can play with

our disposal, just as any army would do." Accusing Pretoria moved to tears by a recent of sending agents to Zambia visit to a detention camp. Mr and Zimbabwe to assassinate ANC leaders, Mr Tshwete said: "We cannot be expected to play ball with agents of the enemy whose avowed aim is to eliminate leaders and members of the movement." Mr Tshwete admitted there

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the mutiny with all the force at

had been "excesses" during interrogations, but said it was not ANC policy to torture prisoners and that culprits had been "properly dealt with". civil rights lawyer, said the Such statements have failed to reassure the survivors of the ANC crackdown, who have appealed to Mr Mandela to appoint a commission of in-

against Mr Joe Modise, the missing, and they believe ANC commander and an about 100 are still in detention ANC commander and an about 100 are still in dete influential member of the in Angola and Uganda. ANC executive committee. Mr Amos Maxongo, one of the Luvo Mbengo, aged 28, a dissidents, said in Nairobi that former ANC guerrilla who torture would not stop "as long as the people responsible for the atrocities are still in power." In an implicit reference to Mr Modise, he said it was disturbing that "enemies of democracy" were in the ANC delegation negotiat-

Government According to dissidents now in Kenya, hundreds of their comrades were detained and tortured in two camps after the 1984 mutiny. They claim they were tied to trees and flogged with whips, locked in

ing reforms with the Pretoria

bears numerous scars inflicted by both South African riot police bullets as well as through torture by his own The affair has been reported

The survivors include Mr

prominently by pro-government newspapers in South Africa. However, it is felt that Mr Mandela's honesty and Mr Sachs' compassion have de-fused a potentially damaging controversy.

 Mandela visit: Mr Mandela is to address a special session of the Irish Parliament during a three-day visit in July. The quiry into the affair.

In a recent letter to him, heat, and repeatedly locked they claimed torture is continuing and made allegations

metal containers in searing Dáil will assemble on a Monheat, and repeatedly locked day—not a normal sitting day and beaten. They say at least—to hear the Deputy President of the ANC. Dáil will assemble on a Mon-

Zimbabwe leaders split over one-party state

plans for a one-party state, are beginning to take place according to reports in the even there. I think this should local press this week.

They said President Mugabe reaffirmed his commitment to a one-party state during a lunch with businessmen in Geneva, but that Mr Bernard Chidzero, the Finance Minister, told an interviewer in New York that moves away from one-party systems in Africa should be

On Wednesday the Government-controlled newspaper, The Herald, quoted Mr Mugabe as saying that a one-party system would give Zimbabwe greater peace and greater democracy. Its sister paper, The Chronicle, published in Bulawayo, Zimbabwe's second city, quoted Mr Chidzero as saying. "In my

Harare - A split has appeared part of the world there are many countries which are babwe's ruling party over one-party states, and changes be encouraged and we ought to learn a great deal from what has happened in Eastern

> Apart from his key position as Minister of Finance, Economic Planning and Development, Mr Chidzero is chairman of the joint development committee of the International Monetary Fund and the World Bank. In an editorial comment, The Chronicle described his statement as a thinly veiled but craftily worded broadside against one-party states, and

"a warning . . . directed at us". Zimbabwe's multi-party democracy has been en-trenched in the Constitution since independence 10 years

to the one-party state which he has repeatedly said he wants. He told the businessmen in

Geneva during a meeting to woo investors that the West "cannot really teach us democracy. They have no lessons to teach us. They were our colonizers. They never taught us democracy."

However Mr Mugabe, an avowed Marxist, said that the East European one-party systems which had recently crumbled were completely unacceptable. The parties had imposed themselves on the people, while in Zimbabwe a single-party state would be brought about by consent and not by compulsion, he said.

The Chronicle said Zimbabwe was at a crossroads: "A wrong turn and we are forever doomed." It noted that "investors are scared stiff of ago, but President Mugabe one-party states". (AFP)

Black comedy in greener Delhi

Seoul clamps down on student unrest

From Joe Joseph Seoul

PROTESTING students who brought chaos to central Seoul on Wednesday night would have found it hard to repeat their performance yesterday, even if they had had the will to do so. Caught out once, South Korea's riot police, their numbers swelled here and there by denim-dressed students on national service, were on ev-

ery street corner.
As dusk fell last night the main square in the city centre, which 24 hours earlier had been smothered in tear gas that choked staff in luxury hotels, was too crowded with police and armoured vans to allow any room for protesters to gather in knots of more than two or three. The main avenues leading from the centre were jammed with the usual rush-hour traffic.

The Government of President Roh Tae Woo - who has failed to control the in-fighting within his Democratic Liberal Party, or land price speculation and the economic malaise that are between them angering his critics - vowed yesterday to act quickly and harshly to stamp out any repeat of Wednesday's havoc, the biggest demonstrations in

The threat seemed to persuade 51 striking shipyard workers in the south-eastern city of Ulsan to end their 13day vigil on top of a tall crane, and bring an end to the industrial action that has handicapped many of the country's export industries in recent weeks. But radicals promised to stage more protests when they regain their streneth.

"All appears to be calm and back to normal," a Western diplomat said earlier yesterday. "Just a whiff of tear gas in the air and a few broken paving stones. It always happens in the spring. The demonstrations look nasty, they make good television, but no one gets really hurt. The students go back to studying and then they take government jobs."

But when 92,000 people take to the streets and 350 police are injured, it is clear that all is not going smoothly for Mr Roh, who has cancelled most foreign trips to cope with the outbursts. He has also promised to make amends by the end of the year, ending the bickering that has under-mined his Government's popularity, putting the falter-ing economy back on course and reversing the country's rising crime rate.

What prevents South Korean's middle class joining the rebellion and turning Mr Rob's headache into a nightmare is the broad lack of confidence in the opposition's ability to form an alternative government, and the feeling that the economy and its tottering stock market are just going through a sticky patch.

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But the Government is not trusting to fate alone. "We've tried to refrain from using the police force on campuses until now," Mr Yi Jong Nam, the Justice Minister, said yesterday, "but students throwing petrol bombs and causing violent protests are fanning social chaos. In future we will use the police force immediately inside campuses to disperse illegal protests."

The Government yesterday apologized to the US for the damage caused to its informa-



Mr Rajiv Candhi, the former Prime Minister, during his fast at the Mahatma Gandhi memorial in Delhi

Gandhi fasts on comeback trail

From Christopher Thomas, Delhi

political career, Mr Rajiv dangers into which this Gov-Gandhi went on a protest fast ernment is leading the counyesterday, sitting cross-legged try," Mr Gandhi said. on the ground for 12 hours at Raighat, where the Mahatma would be war with Pa a big canvas shade. Signs proclaimed that this was the 133rd anniversary of the first War of Independence in 1857. draw attention to outside threats to India.

The former Prime Minister, who arrived at Rajghat at long protest was designed to 7 am, said his objective was to steal some of the thunder from create "mass awareness" of the right-wing Bharatiya Janthe challenges to India. He ata Party (BJP), which has was obviously referring to been using the Kashmir crisis Pakistan's alleged support for to stir up Hindu nationalism. secessionist movements in

Puniab and Kashmir. His Congress (I) Party organized 12-hour fasts all over electoral defeat, it is now the country to draw attention to the threats to India's "unity and integrity". Fasting is a traditional form of protest in India: the Mahatma used hunger strikes against friend and foe, and the former Prime Minister thus thought it fitting has rapidly set in, raising to observe his fast at the Congress's hopes of a cremation site. "I am here to comeback.

FOR the first time in his make people aware of the

Asked if he thought there would be war with Pakistan, was cremated. Hundreds of he said: "It is unfortunate that supporters sat with him under the Government seems to be taking us in that direction." The situation in Kashmir was "very bad". He said that because of tight security in the an auspicious day on which to valley his party had been unable to confirm the situation there.

The Congress party's day-

Despite many plots to depose Mr Gandhi from the Congress leadership after his apparent that he will lead the party into the general election. He is extremely popular in most of southern India. In the north, where his party was wined out in November, disillusion with the Government

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From Our Own Correspondent, Delhi fourth most polluted city after

DELHI, labelled the world's ister of State for Environment where conditions are diaboli-Kuwait and the Chinese cities

programme. Police are halting thousands of scooters, cars and lorries daily to enforce a law on exhaust emissions. The city's ancient buses, which always travel in a shroud of their own black smoke, have escaped the purge - doubtless because the

Government owns them. There was hardly a motorist in Delhi who knew that such a law existed until the authorities launched a surprise assault on rush-hour traffic. Judging by readers' complaints in daily newspapers, the exercise has turned into something of a black comedy.

One man took his car to a test centre where it was deemed to be emitting double the permissible gases. He had the engine overhauled, only to be told when it was retested that it was now three times over the limit. He was annoyed but not surprised: few things in India, after all, are ever precise. Delhi's status as one of the

and Forests - India's first "green" politician, whose of Shenyang and Xian, has fierce determination to clean launched a vast clean-up up the worst ravages of pollution are drawing international

> Nobody really needed the World Health Organization to declare the Delhi air to be filthy: everybody who lives here talks endlessly about the choking atmosphere, which is worst in winter when smoke from wood fires belches from every slum hut. Aircraft are frequently diverted from the international airport in winter because of "fog" which is, in fact, a dense blanket of traffic

fumes and smoke. Delhi traffic police have recently issued 21,500 warning notices to motorists whose vehicles supposedly exceed legal emission levels. Policemen have a vested interest in cleaning up the city air, since many of them stand all day at congested road junctions swallowing potentially fatal amounts of poisonous gases.

Mrs Gandhi, the widow of Sanjay Gandhi, the younger son and political heir of Mrs Indira Gandhi, has quickly dirtiest places on Earth was gained a reputation as a young announced in Parliament by Ifrebrand. Not so long ago she Mrs Maneka Gandhi, Min-stormed around Delhi Zoo,

cal, and ranted for hours about the treatment of the animals. "Our zoos are worse than anywhere," she said. "The whole structure is to please people. There is no science, no education facility, only amusement. You poke things at birds, feed plastic to the hippopotamuses." She is the first politician in

India to talk seriously about the environment, a subject that is low on the political priority list because there is no serious green movement, and therefore no votes in it. Mrs Gandhi, aged 33, who

lives with her son, Varun, aged 10, does not mince words. Asked why government-funded efforts to clean up the River Ganges had not worked, for example, she said: "Because 50 per cent of the money was pinched." She told a local magazine that industry could "get away with every-thing". A lunatic scheme was under way for putting heavy industry in Kashmir, which would immediately change many lives. weather patterns.

Since Mrs Gandhi took over in December, the moribund Environment Ministry has exploded into activity. Scores of

projects have been initiated, involving animal care as well as the environment. The min-istry has taken the first steps to try to introduce lead-free petrol into India, for example, There are also moves to ban the liberal use of pesticides, including DDT.

Laws banning smoking in some public places take effect soon, and raids are being conducted in many parts of the country to halt the booming trade in animal skins.

Storm damage: A cyclone lashed south-eastern coastal egions of India yesterday. killing at least 54 people and devastating roads, railways, telecommunications and large numbers of buildings. Some areas recorded 16 inches of rain during a 20-hour downpour.

Before the storm arrived more than 150,000 people were evacuated from their homes in the state of Andhra Pradesh, which bore the brunt of the damage. Mr M. Chenna Reddy, the Chief Minister, would destroy India because it said the evacuation saved

> Vast areas of the Andhra. Pradesh coast were swamped. marooning 90 villages. Mr ister, is to visit the area today.

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Philip Howard

thick broadsheet newspaper like *The Times* writes, prints, and has on your breakfast table every day as many words as are found in four novels of average length, or three stilly knicker-rippers of unconscionable length by authors (and publishers)

who really ought to know better.
When you consider that production does not start flat out until after the lunch interval (and you know what our lunches are like, at any rate in envious popular rumour), it is a daily miracle that we get the dear old thing out at all, and with as few mistakes as we do. It is not surprising that references get lost in our daily Ben Nevis of print, in spite of our now computerized archives and indices.

I have been hunting for years (without success so far) for the notorious Times misprint, in which a disgruntled compositor who had been given his cards is said to have changed one letter in our report of a visit by Queen Vic-toria to the Menai Bridge (presum-ably the opening of Robert Stephenson's tubular bridge in 1850), so that instead of our report, "The Queen then passed over the bridge", The Times had her doing something far more insouciant. If this happened, it would almost certainly have been spotted in the first few copies off the press, and amended by stopping the presses at once. Maybe one of that select Menai misprint edition survives in the paper mountain. Maybe the story is Times folklore. I keep my

eyes open.

I am hunting for the original source of another *Times* story or legend for Ronald Mansbridge, who is compiling a collection of curious and learned limericks. (Contrary to popular belief, Edward Lear did not invent the limerick. He himself said that the verse form arose from an old children's game built on variations on There was an old man of Tobago".) The old Times story runs that on some day in that allegedly golden age just before the First World War, there appeared in the Agony Column (as it was then called, before it was broken down into categories) of The Times (on the front page in those days, of course, O Best Beloved) the following personal ad: "A clergyman, being in want of a second-hand portable font, will exchange for the same the portrait, in frame, of the Bishop-elect of Vermont."

On dit that this was inserted by Ronald Knoz, either when he was an undergraduate at Balliol, where he acquired his reputation as a writer of witty verse, or between 1910 and 1917, when he was a fellow of Trinity, before crossing over into the church of Rome - a transition nearly as startling, though a great deal less under-standable, than that from Balliol to Trinity. Our archives are capacious, but they do not descend (rise?) to the level of personal ads. I cannot find the original; and to

hit upon it now would be serendipity, like finding a drawing pin in a wheat mountain. Two anthologists have credited

the limerick to Ronnie Knox. In The Lure of the Limerick W. S. Baring-Gould renders it: "Evangelical vicar in want of a portable second-hand font, would dispose of the same for a portrait (in frame) of the Bishop-Elect of Vermont." The words "would dispose of make nonsense of this. Ronnie Knox was famous for light verse, not nonsense verse,

In The Oxford Book of Light Verse W. H. Auden gives: "A clergyman, in want of a second-hand movable font, would dis-pose, for the same, of a portrait (in frame) of the Bishop, elect, of Vermont." Ronnie Knox did not have such a tin McGonagail ear as to write that alleged first line; and not even the textual critic's principle difficilior lectio potior could persuade one of that. Unless he meant it to be read out punctua-tion and all as, "A clergyman, comma, in want". But Auden's punctuation of the last line suggests that he was relying on an imperfect memory of the verse, and that he was less familiar with episcopal matters than the man who was about to become a Right Reverend Monsignor. The identity of the Bishop-elect is a mystery. The Rt Rev Arthur Hall was Bishop of Vermont from 1894 to 1930, no less, and so there cannot have been a Bishop-elect during the time in which the ad appeared in the Agony Column, if it did. Another theory, attributed to Bertrand Russell, is that the limerick appeared in the Thursday Exchange Mart, devoted to exchanges between clerics. This is not a matter of high or pressing scholarship, but it would be nice to track down the source of this fragment of Times folklore.

It is also one of the few examples of a clean limerick that remains (mildly) amusing to sophisticated modern taste. Gershon Legman went too far when he asserted that the only good limericks were filthy: "The lim-erick is, and was originally, an indecent verse form. The clean sort of limerick is an obvious palliation [sic]; its content insipid, its rhyming artificially ingenious its whole permeated and pervaded with a frustrated nonsense that vents itself typically in explosive and aggressive violence.

In his limerick collection, Ronald Mansbridge has composed one that versifies the only (one of the only?) pun that can be satisfactorilated into a second language

"Life worth living?" You ask me to give a Reply, which I'll try to deliver. C'est question de foi(e)."

Enolish "Paris de foi(e)."

In English, "Depends on the liver."

that, however, I had already

gathered a fair amount of the

wool spinning out of the article by Nick Nuttall. Our Technol-

ogy Correspondent. He was

reporting the granting by the

government of an operating

licence to something called

Trafficmaster, a title which we

might well feel to be a blow to

the amour propre of Cecil

Parkinson, especially since it is

designed to get us out of the fine

messes his department con-

day so that it can tell him where

motorway traffic jams are. He

may then avoid them by getting

off onto non-motorways. It will

initially cover M's 1, 3, 4, 40,

23, 20, 11, and of course, 25 and

will soon be extended to the

a boon. Have motorists not

dreamed of some such miracle

ever since that first fateful

moment when a man walking in

front of a car with a red flag

suddenly found himself coming

to a halt behind a car with

another man with a red flag in

But hardly had this marvel-

lous news sunk in than there

flashed above my head some-

thing not unlike the phenom-

enon which diverted St Paul's

attention from the traffic jam

outside Damascus. The motor-

way system had been designed

and installed, at appalling ex-

pense, to solve the problems of

traffic-flow on the existing and

inadequate roads. The object of

Trafficmaster, as I understand

it, is to solve the problems of

traffic-flow on the motorways

by directing drivers back to the

roads from which they had been

invited to escape. Since there

are now twice as many vehicles

in Britain as there were on the

day the M1 opened, this process

may be likened to decanting a

I am not, you understand.

back in the pint pot again.

newspapers.

front of it?

Excellent, Astonishing, What

...and moreover

Alan Coren

was reading a piece in The Times. on the M25.

In both senses. (What a flexible

little helpmeet that preposition

To my left lay West Thur-

rock. To my right - in the curious absence of East Thur-

rock — lay Purfleet. And before

me lay the Dartford Tunnel.

Which is to say that before me

lay several hundred vehicles, all

of them as stationary as the

several hundred behind me, and

spread across my steering wheel

demographers have been earn-

ing their crusts by pondering the

various socio-cultural explana-

tions for the continuing expan-

and the continuing diminution

of the tabloid one. I shall not

bother you with their numerous

conclusions, merely remark that

in my regular scrutiny of these.

in this professional journal and

that. I have seen no mention

made of the most obvious one;

which is that for every mile of

new motorway laid, an expon-

ential amount of new daily

reading matter, ie. big fat

papers, is required by drivers

sitting motionless upon it. Once

upon a time, only rail commut-

ers read newspapers, but now

Did I read the professional

journals of the catering trade, I

should doubtless find this argument cheerfully substantiated. I

cannot believe that sales of pork

pies, thermos flasks and paper

napkins have not risen in direct

ratio to the laying of multiple

I myself rarely leave the

house without a wicker hamper,

even if my target is no further

than Swiss Cottage. Indeed,

after I had finished Wednes-

day's crossword and was left

with only wool-gathering to

pass the time, it was borne in

upon me how travelling was

gradually returning to the con-

ditions of The Pickwick Papers.

What bore it was (a) the fact that

my notional route would take

me through Rochester, and (b)

the reflection that, if I ever

arrived there, I might leave my

shoes outside the car door to see

whether Sam Weller would pop

out and polish them while the

car and I passed the night in the

the contraflow is true.

carriageways.

For some time now, print

lay The Times.

couple of mornings ago, I fast lane. Before I began mulling

Tony Travers examines the likely implications of yesterday's community charge proposals

Heseltine's far-reaching manifesto

Michael Heseltine's pro-gramme of action for local government (set out on this page yesterday) is wideranging and radical. It is far more than a set of minor proposals to soften the community charge in 1991-92, involving as it does major proposals for the structure of local government, electoral arrangements, mayors and pos-

sibly, a new grant system. According to its author, this programme would make local government a source of alternative political power, a focal point for civic pride and a means for the property of the political power. for involving and serving the people, and in examining his radical programme for change,

each proposal must be tested against these laudable objectives.

The proposed reforms fall into two groups: those with immediate effect and those for the longer term. Among the short-term proposals are stronger transitional relief arrangements for households which previously paid low rate bills, the freezing of safety-net receipts, exemptions for elderly people living with relatives and for some other groups, banding of community charges according to income, a surcharge on poll taxes

in areas with high charges, and all-out elections for councils proposing to spend more than a certain percentage above the govern-ment's benchmark.

In the longer term, it is proposed that there should be single-tier county boroughs for major urban areas, elected and paid mayors, tougher value-for-money audits, and that grants should no longer be allocated by formula,

Banding the community charge in relation to income is, according to Mr Heseltine, the only prac-ticable short-term solution. In his system everyone would still pay something. Higher rate taxpayers would pay more than standardrate payers, which suggests that there would be three charge bands: one for people with no taxable income, one for standard-rate and one for higher-rate taxpayers.

Such a banded charge would involve big steps as an individual moved from one tax band to another. At its worst, it would mean that a single extra pound of income would make the difference between paying very little and paying the full community charge. On the basis of 1990 figures, this might mean a sudden increase of £250-£300. Poverty traps of this cils by central government could kind could be reduced by the introduction of a system with more than three bands, but the more bands there were the more the charge would be a local

income tax, There is no doubt that banding the community charge according to income would make it harder for the Opposition to call the system inherently regressive or unfair. It would give the charge a greater chance of surviving a

change of government during the 1990s, and might also increase public confidence in it.

Mr Heseltine's suggestion of immediate all-out elections for councils proposing to spend more than a given page 1 than a given percentage above the government benchmark would mean local electorates effectively determining whether or not to cap their own councils.
However, potentially central government could set these bench-

marks low, to force many or all authorities into regular elections or reductions in spending.

Another proposal is to surcharge councils which propose a

high charge. Like the setting of spending benchmarks, the power to surcharge high-charging coun-

be used to distort the relationship between councils and their elec-

Together, banding, elections and surcharges might be enough to convince central government -particularly the Treasury - to leave local authorities alone, and in this way they might assist in entrenching local government as a source of alternative political power. But the proposed changes would give the centre great potential power to determine the frequency of local elections and the

severity of surcharges.

The longer-term proposals for a single-tier of local authorities are every bit as radical as banding of the community charge. It is not clear whether a single tier of local government is proposed through-out the country, but however extensive it might be, the creation of one-tier authorities would almost certainly improve accountability and, in the old

cities at least, enhance civic pride. Michael Heseltine's proposals for paid, elected mayors and rigorous value-for-money audits clearly spring from his views about managerial efficiency. The British have no experience of

professional mayors but they are widely used in other countries. Without doubt such individuals would provide civic focal points and sources of alternative political power. Indeed, the likely strength and local visibility of, say, the mayor of Manchester, might threaten local MPs and Parliament as a whole.

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In the short term, more In the short term, more transitional relief, changes to the benefit system, exemptions for the elderly, the physically disabled and student nurses, as well as other small changes would, be popular among Conservative MPs and in the country. and in the country.

If fully implemented, Michael Heseltine's local government package would affect the finance, structure and culture of local government. For more than a decade Mrs Thatcher has been trying to do much the same, though in different ways. There is no doubt that the new proposals are radical and all-embracing. In the last resort, their success or failure would depend on the style of the Prime Minister of the day. The author is a director of research at the London School of

Will Bush pay the penalty of his campaign promise?

Peter Stothard on the problems

facing Republicans and Democrats

at the US budget deficit discussions

op Congressional Demo-crats Tom Foley and George Mitchell were so keen to get to President Bush's budget meeting on time that at 9.51 on Wednesday they crashed through a red traffic light on Pennsylvania Avenue.
"We're surprised they didn't smash the gates down too," say angry Republicans, who think that the President's agreement this week to talk about raising taxes is

a gift to their opponents, a grievous error which threatens almost the last vote-winning remnant of the Reagan legacy.
"Like lambs to slaughter," say

nervous Democrats, who fear that the President will lure them into a tax-trap in which he will take the credit and they will get the blame. Although it has caused fears in both camps, the two sides agree agenda" talks between Republicans and Democrats on the US budget deficit marks a milestone in the Bush presidency.

During his 1988 campaign for

the White House, George Bush could hardly have been more adamant on the issue, "I'm the one who will not raise taxes," he told the Republican Convention in New Orleans. "My opponent won't rule out raising taxes but I will. And the Congress will push me to raise taxes and I'll say no. And they'll push me again and I'll say no, and they'll push again and I'll say to them. Read my lips: No

new taxes."

Many in his audience doubted at the time that this pledge could be kept for more than a year, but they did not doubt that it was a dramatic, powerful political slogan which would keep the Democrats at bay and underline the links between the proven-popular President Reagan and the then untried Vice President Bush.

It succeeded in both aims. Some Republicans continued to believe that a fast-growing economy would fill the gap between Mr Reagan's high bills and his low revenues. Others, thinking that the importance of the deficit had

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evasive answer?

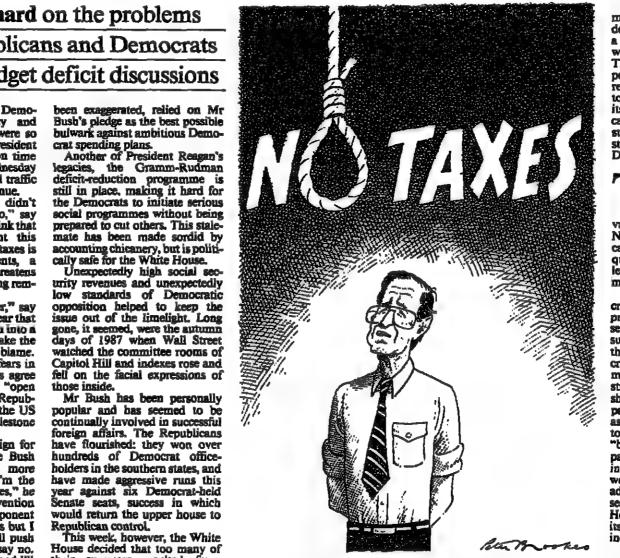
trity revenues and unexpectedly low standards of Democratic opposition helped to keep the issue out of the limelight. Long gone, it seemed, were the autumn days of 1987 when Wall Street watched the committee rooms of Capitol Hill and indexes rose and fell on the facial expressions of

Mr Bush has been personally popular and has seemed to be continually involved in successful foreign affairs. The Republicans have flourished: they won over hundreds of Democrat officeholders in the southern states, and have made aggressive runs this year against six Democrat-held Senate seats, success in which would return the upper house to Republican control.
This week, however, the White

House decided that too many of their successes resulted from unsustainable game-playing. The game had to stop. Following poor employment figures, predictions of higher interest rates and automatic Gramm-Rudman cuts of \$100 billion at the end of the year, "Read my lips; no new taxes" became "Read my lips; no pre-

conditions". The reaction from Republicans was immediate. "I think it is a disaster," said National Republican Congressional Committee

co-chairman, Ed Rollins. Next to react were the growing number of Democrats, who feel that their congressional leaders are keener on partnering the Bush White House than putting their Own man there.



"They have just one goal: to put the tax noose around our neck." said Rep. Ronald Wyden of Oregon. That is certainly true, But there are nooses for both sides. Bush wants to protect his own reelection prospects, the US econ-omy, the defence budget and his party's 1990 election hopes, probably in that order. But the four

factors interlock. The President's chances in 1992, for example, depend on having a successful economy and only a second-rate Democratic challenger. Reducing the deficit may do nothing for the economy by 1992, but it might greatly increase the opportunities for responsible Democrats, such as The "new architecture" of European security, just like the old, requires that the US pillar be able to hold up the whole building on its own if required. Without that capacity the new multilateral structures will be the houses of straw that a large section of the Democratic party always wanted. hat isolationist section of US opinion is likely to strengthen in the months

midable negotiating team at the deficit-reduction talks, but there is

a danger that European defence will beartoo much of the burden.

to come. With its Conservative figures such as Senator Sam Nunn in the vanguard of the campaign to pull US troops quickly home, the Democratic leadership will be able to appear most in line with the national will. The temptation for the Demo-crats at the talks, however, is to push for greater spending on social services and education, with substantial new taxes to pay for them. Although influential Democrat thinkers argue that the party

must give up the impossible share of wealth, the bulk of the party.still firmly supports taxation as a means of redistribution. Its top priority is to burst the bizarre "bubble", which has the wealthy paying a 28 per cent top rate of income tax while many of the worse off pay 33 per cent. But in advance of the first substantive session next Tuesday, the White House has tried vainly to reassure its supporters that there will be no income tax changes.

Democrats are determined to avoid increasing revenues by raising excise duties or taxes on gasoline, for they argue that these bear unfairly upon the poor. They will also resist White House demands for cuts in spending on Medicaid and other social

programmes. Nine minutes after Speaker Foley's Lincoln sedan ran through the red traffic lights outside the White House, its occupants were breaking not just one law, but the legislative pack-ice that has gripped the US legislature for the past two years. Agreement between the parties is a long way off. but at least US domestic policy is beginning to move for the first time since the election - and in full public gaze.

tinues to get us into. For Trafficmaster is an elecfronic scanning system which feeds into a portable gizmo which the driver rents at £1.30 a

t is hardly surprising that after more than a decade in office, Mrs Thatcher, who prides herself on her image as a straight talker, is also mistress of the evasive answer. Brian Walden, once described as her favourite interviewer and a veteran of some of the classic interviews of the Thatcher years, yesterday let the cat out of the bag. In the face of his tough questioning during their confrontation over Nigel Lawson's resignation, Mrs Thatcher, used 11 identifiable techniques to avoid the question, says Walden. Some may sound simple, but used by an expert, they are deadly, he

The first ploy is to ignore the question, or if that doesn't work, to acknowledge it but fail to answer. Then there is a whole range of further techniques: question the question; attack the question; attack the interviewer; decline to answer on the grounds of irrelevance; make an entirely different political point; give an incomplete answer that purports to be a complete answer, repeat a previous answer - or if all else fails, refuse to answer on the grounds that the question has already been answered.

pint into a quart pot, and when This makes only 10 evasions, it increases to the point of but both Walden and his producer running over the rim, putting it David Cox refuse to identify the Prime Minister's eleventh and most deadly technique - presumcomplaining. If traffic-jams are ably on the grounds that they do poised to become twice as big, it not wish to give the game away to can only be good news for good other interviewees. But in launching the book of The Walden

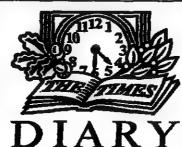
Interviews, published yesterday. the ex-backbencher did reveal that his most famous exchange with Mrs Thatcher almost failed to happen. London Weekend Television was adamant that it wanted only eight programmes in the last series. Walden had the devil of a job to persuade them to run to 10. The additional two went out



immediately after Lawson's resignation, and featured the exchancellor and the Prime Minister in her darkest hour. "If LWT had had their way, the two most sensational political interviews of the decade would never have happened," Walden boasts.

Operational secret

oinciding with the 50th anniversary of Winston
'Churchill's appointment as wartime Prime Minister, Enoch Powell has been reminiscing about his wartime experiences in Soldier, the British Army magazine. Powell reveals that he was one of those privy to the great Second World War intelligence scoop -



the top secret Ultra operation in which German ciphers were broken after the Allies acquired one of their Enigma coding machines. Asked how Ultra remained a secret when so many people were aware of what was going on. Powell says: "There was a legend that on Winston Churchill's desk was a list of everybody in on the Ultra secret, and that Churchill had personally undertaken to castrate the man responsible for the secret being broken. I never knew how operative this threat

♠ Asked on Thames Television's This Week programme last night about his image as a Welsh windbag Neil Kinnock told interviewer Julian Mannion in Wales: "I think that in this kind of area, and in Wales generally, I think people are not afraid of words and whilst they may, and it is a fault that I have sometimes used too many, I nevertheless, in trying to convey an idea you really want to ram home every nail and I suppose that is the reason for speaking in the way that I do. I used to speak much better before I used notes."

Out of tune

will demand.

Senator Lloyd Bentsen, to show

Bush clearly believes that he no

longer needs Reagan, and the

Reagan Doctrine of supporting

anti-communist rebels has be-

come the Bush Doctrine of quietly

wiping away the messier remains.

But it is harder to walk away from

the federal deficit than it was from

the Mujahidin or the Contras. The

lessening of the Soviet threat is a

help in reducing defence bills, but

not even the current euphoria over

East-West relations will allow the

instant and arbitrary cuts in

troops and weaponry which

present estimates suggest that

the Gramm-Rudman programme

7 alter Donati, the Italian

their skills. It is a gamble.

tenor who made such a disastrous Royal Opera House debut on Monday night in Il trovatore has been dropped. He will not now sing the next performance due tonight and his place has been taken by Alexei Steblianko, originally scheduled to sing only the last four performances. Donati fled from the theatre without taking a curtain call, to the boos of a less-thansympathetic audience. His probiems were worsened because there was no voice doctor present to ease his symptoms, and under the present financial constraints the Royal Opera has no resident doctor. Astonishingly, given the value of top singers' vocal chords, it has not had one since the death in 1985 of laryngologist Dr Alfred Alexander, whose unique operatic psychology got many a primadonna through a difficult performance. The Opera House now has a list of Harley Street practitioners on whom it can call. but none was available on a Bank Holiday Monday. Nor. says an Opera House source, is it any use appealing for a doctor in the house. No reputable medical man would dream of meddling with a voice potentially worth millions uniess he was a larynx expert.

Overdressed

new peer was refused admission to the House of Lords this week for being improperly dressed. Just before Lord Clinton-Davis was due to walk into the House of Lords for the first time, his way was barred by Black Rod due to an impropri-

ety in his ceremonial robes. Lord Clinton-Davis had turned up in the baronial robes of the late Lord Stone of Hendon, Harold Wilson's doctor, who had been knighted before entering the Lords. Unknown to Clinton-Davis, knights of the realm may wear a white ribbon on their sobes, mere commoners who become life peers may not. "My robe was proudly displaying a white ribbon, and at the dress rehearsal, only 10 minutes before the ceremony was due to start. Black Rod informed me I

could not wear them," he says. The robes had been given to Lord Stone by Lord Ashdown, a former Tory Party chairman and relative of Clinton-Davis's wife, who was looking down expectantly from the gallery. "My wife's family was very excited about the prospect of seeing me wear them, sighs Clinton-Davis, but Black Rod's rule prevailed and a replacement was hastily borrowed. Lord Clinton-Davis took his place on the Labour benches and voted in a division on community care which the Government lost by one vote. "I defeated the Government single-handed on my first day," he said. What is more, it is probable that the anonymous peer who engineered the Opposition victory by the loan of his ermine was an unsuspecting Tory,

• The national curriculum, it seems, has arrived in the nick of time - particularly in geography. A constituent of Charles Kennedy. Liberal Democrat MP for Ross. Cromarty and the Isle of Skyc. wrote to a mail order company in Swindon, only to be told: "We cannot dispatch the order as we Only deliver to addresses within the United Kingdom."

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TOO FAR AND YET TOO NEAR

Any reaction to Mr Michael Heseltine's intervention in the poll tax debate in The Times yesterday must fall into two parts. The first concerns its significance in the now phoney war of the Tory succession. The second concerns the merit of the proposals themselves. The two parts are obviously connected, despite Mr Heseltine's protests to the contrary.

The first can be briskly dispatched. Mr Heseltine's immediate hope of becoming Tory leader turned on Mrs Thatcher being induced to retire before the next election by a combination of poor economic indicators and miserable public opinion polls.

The Conservatives' less than wholly appalling local election results have dented that hope. The clear indication from Downing Street is that Mrs Thatcher has not the remotest intention of going away. Since the Treasury is, however misguidedly, about to hurl money at the poll tax and since governments tend to improve their ratings as a general election approaches, Mrs Thatcher can take some comfort. She is leader and, as the saying goes, there is no vacancy. By dashing into open ground, Mr Heseltine merely presents himself as a better target for her friends.

This leaves the merits of his argument. Are his ideas for reforming the poll tax sound? And are they likely to help his party (and ironically Mrs Thatcher) to recover some popularity before the next election? He made three central proposals, all familiar and all stopping short of what many thought he believed and would demand, namely outright abolition.

The first is for unitary local authorities, to render poll tax accountability more direct. This idea goes back to the Redcliffe-Maud commission on local government and has much theoretically to commend it - indeed the Department of the Environment has been pondering making the districts single-tier authorities for planning purposes.

Unfortunately, it would mean the abolition of the counties, which would be a huge, costly and certainly unpopular upheaval to the British Constitution. Any Government prepared to undertake such a drastic reform to help make poll tax more palatable would be better advised to go the whole hog to abolition. Much the same applies to Mr Heseltine's second proposal, which calls for additional local elections for councils who plan to spend above their assessed "standard spending" level. This was put (by Mr Heseltine) to the Cabinet in 1981 and rejected, although as an alternative to poll tax capping it has considerable merit. Spendthrift councils would be held super-accountable to their electors. But while this might improve local government it is hardly a reform of the poll tax.

Controversial primary legislation would be needed, the last thing the Government now wants. And local councils might retort that what is sauce for the local goose should be sauce for the Westminster gander. Should ministers be forced to seek re-election when central government defies its manifesto and ttokes inflation?

As for the tax itself. Mr Heseltine's only salve is "banding", the favourite remedy of the more liberal Tory backbenchers. The objections have often been rehearsed: banding either produces big steps with severe poverty traps, or is simply another income tax over which central government would be bound to exercise effective control.

The essence of local taxation is that it should reflect, to some degree, ability to pay, but without simply mirroring national taxation. The customary basis is for a local tax based on property value, still in force in most other industrialized countries, which Britain has now abandoned. Until this sensible and longstanding tax base is re-established, British local finance is unlikely to recover clarity or popularity.

There is no dodging this issue, however imaginative the devices officials at the Environment Department may invent to keep poll tax levels down next year. The old way was, after all, the best. Mr Hescitine should have nailed his colours firmly to that mast. His intervention in a most important debate was spirited, but his proposals would not achieve their declared aim of swiftly winning old and new Tory voters "back to their natural political home". He may have gone too far for his political health; he has gone not far enough to offer an escape from the poli tax.

NATO FAMILY PLANNING

Short-range nuclear weapons have been essential, if controversial, instruments of Nato strategy since the doctrine of flexible response was adopted more than 20 years ago. Their future in Europe cannot be resolved in isolation. This week's meeting of the Nuclear Planning Group in Canada has, however, underlined a number of realities.

The first is that land-based nuclear artillery on the Continent has clearly outlived both purpose and welcome. President Bush's decision, a week before the defence ministers modernization of the Lance missile and nuclear shells recognized that the changes in Eastern Europe have made such weapons politically obsolete.

To aim nuclear missiles at Eastern European countries, yesterday's enemies but tomorrow's friends, made no more sense to Washington than to Bonn. That political argument carries the day for now, but if the defence ministers are to eat further into Nato's graduated range of responses against danger, they need to be clear

about their reasoning. The second is that there may be prudent strategic arguments in favour of some weapons which are unacceptable to electorates. Some of Nato's defence measures have now to be rethought, because the range of possible threats is quite different. But the dramatic Soviet withdrawal from Eastern Europe and the de facto dissolution of the Warsaw Pact do not abolish military danger in the East. The Soviet Union will remain a giant armed power. Mr Gorbachov's more pacific stance does not of itself destroy the case for flexible response.

The Dutch, the West Germans, the Belgians and Italians (in approximately that order of enthusiasm) confirmed this week their anxiety to negotiate the "third zero", consigning short-

The Prince and Princess of Wales returned

from Budapest yesterday with the cheers of the

populace ringing in their ears. Theirs was not

an easy task: to carry off the first official royal

visit beyond the former Iron Curtain without

occasioning controversy, while demonstrating

an authentic grasp of their hosts' totalitarian

experience. Their performance was a remark-

able advertisement of the virtues of constitu-

The trick is to be at once political and

unpolitical. The cogency and force of the Prince's public excoriation of communism

exceeded even Hungarian expectations; but he

steered clear of the muddy political waters

through which post-communist Hungary is

now obliged to wade. Prince Charles was there

primarily to understand and to encourage. On

such questions as the Hungarian minority in

Transylvania, he wisely kept his own counsel.

His finely judged balancing act may well have

left Hungarians wondering whether the vac-

uum at the pinnacle of their new republic

In Hungary's case, there would seem to be a

might be filled by an hereditary monarch.

tional monarchy.

range weapons to the dustbin. Medium and intermediate-range missiles, the first and second "zeros" in Nato parlance, were dispatched there under the 1987 INF Treaty.

For Nato to scrap all such weapons unilaterally, which is what the Dutch defence minister seemed to want, would be moving unnecessarily fast towards disarmament. With a Nato summit being planned for early July preceded by at least three high-level meetings, there are abundant opportunities ahead to decide how - and at what pace - to move.

Nor should a reduction of ground-b nuclear artillery mean that Nato should rule out all shorter-range nuclear options. A number of analysts has argued for some time that, given such a brand-new air-launched missile as the American TASM there was never a compelling need to replace Lance.

So long as there remains a case for alliance nuclear weapons with shorter range than intercontinental missiles, that hardware should be the best available. Second-rate weapons are a waste of money.

Britain's fleet of Tornado strike aircraft is at present equipped with nuclear free-fall bombs. But these oblige the air crew to fly directly over the target - a hazardous operation given the sharpness of modern air defences. Whatever the alliance's future role, there remains a strong case for updating the RAF (and other air forces) with a weapon with a range of 250 to 300 miles.

With the old strategic certainties crumbling the habits of thought which they bred will go too. But leaving one advanced weapon on the drawing board retains some of the threatened flexibility of Nato's doctrine. The air-launched option preserves a wide set of choices at a moment when breadth of choice is all-important.

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

Why a surgeon says farewell

From Mr Richard G. Notley Sir, Much of the purpose of my professional life was destroyed today.

I am a consultant urological I am a consultant urological surgeon — a waterworks specialist. Twenty years ago I was a senior electurer in a famous academic department of urology. I decided that my true vocation in urology lay not in academic study, but in specialist surgical service in a non-teaching hospital.

I came to Guildford to create a specialist department of prology in a district general hospital that had no such specialist service. In 1990 the creation of the department of urology in the Royal Surrey County Hospital neared its final completion with the appointment of a senior registrar to complement its two consultants, its specialist ward and specialist theatre with its specially trained

The new outpatient clinic will complete the unit, and that is in the second phase of the Royal Surrey County Hospital, due for hand-over this month. The department has already achieved a reputation for its high standard of urology throughout the United Kingdom - the climax of 20 years devoted and unremitting labour.

Today the urology ward was closed - indefinitely as far as I can tell - and the staff dispersed because there is insufficient cash in the district budget, in spite of savings in real terms of £5 million by the district over the last 10 years, achieved by careful plan-ning, saving and efficient work in all almost 40 per cent of the

surgical beds have been closed. The new outpatient clinic cannot be opened for the same reason

the second phase of the Royal
Surrey will remain unused. The truncated group of specialist urological beds have been tucked into the end of the ear, nose and throat ward (which has suffered the same

There are now insufficient beds for urological surgery to fulfil the training requirements of my ju-nior staff. When they are removed my colleague and I will be unable to cope alone. Then there will be no more specialised urological surgery in Guildford. Today I went to bid farewell to

my ward, to offer what comfort I could to my demoralised staff, and to try to explain to my worried patients that we will continue to do our best to give them the special care which they deserve.

I do not ask anyone to weep for me, but weep for my patients and those across the country whose service is being dissipated in the same way.

Yours sincerely, R. G. NOTLEY, Spindlewood, 59 Pewley Hill, Guildford, Surrey. May 6.

World Service threat

From Mrs Ann Carpenter Sir, "BBC World Service threatened". Under this headline last week (April 26) Richard Evans reported on the exodus of staff and a big rent increase at Bush House which could mean "severe reductions of hours, services and qual-

Today (May 1) the BBC Director General states in an advertisement in your paper that "Radio in the Nineties will offer listeners greater choice and variety than ever before" and that "BBC Radio has never been healthier or more confident as it extends its range while maintaining its unique qual-

Apparently extending its range does not include keeping the World Service wavelengths. This is not the first time that the importance of the World Service has been minimised by those who think only in monetary terms. Surely it comes into the category of those necessities which must be kept whether profitable or not. Yours faithfully, ANN CARPENTER,

70 Ryecroft Road, SW16.

Powers to contain football violence

Contrary to what the Home Secretary says (report, May 9) the chief constables have always had powers to change days and kick-off times at football matches. Earlier this season the South Yorkshire Chief Constable com-pelled the Sheffield United v Leeds Boxing Day flashpoint derby to start at noon. There was

Three years ago he made the Leeds v Coventry semi-final move to a Sunday with a morning kickoff. Again no trouble. Mr Brian Weight, the Dorset Chief Con-stable, has exactly the same pow-ers to overrule the football authorities, but perhaps because the Dorset police do not have the same experience, they were not

Mr Waddington, the Home Secretary, must be having difficulty swallowing his humbug too. Last July the Government guillot-ined a football Bill through the House setting up a football licensing authority. I sat on the committee stages of the Bill. The Labour Party supported the pro-posal, and even asked that knowledgeable supporters should be

represented too. This licensing authority would have the powers to overrule the Football League, It would liaise with the police and local authori-tics, and act as a safety and law and order body.

Yet now, 10 months later, we are still waiting for the Home Office to announce its membership and get it started. There is no excuse for this delay and incompetence. Why are the police and Home Office not using the powers they already possess? Yours sincerely, JOE ASHTON,

House of Commons

From Mr Edward Grayson Sir, Your leading article today (May 7), which stated that last weekend's football violence "has at last reinvigorated the argument for preventive action", rightly targets the drink area but ignores the ultimate remedy which the

have failed to apply, after having it handed to them on a plate by the Court of Appeal over six years ago.

On January 12, 1984, in the appeal of R v Wood, a strong court led by Lord Justice Lawton ex-plained, when dealing with an under-21 convicted offender, how The court inferred from the continu-

Government and the lower courts

From the Reverend Nicholas Henderson

From Mr Joe Ashton, MP for Bassetlaw (Labour)

Sir, Never was the futility of having 43 different police forces going their own sweet way better shown than in the preparation for the potential Leeds riot at Bourne-

Unless there were exceptional mitigating circumstances — and it was not easy to see what they could be — youths between the ages of 17 and 21 convicted of any offence of violence towards a police officer or where excepts to project in ordinaria. other person trying to maintain order, or to spectators who are not themselves involved in the violence, should receive a custodial sentence. In most cases a short detentioncentre order should be adequate.

The recently enacted Football pectators Act 1989 has left discretion to the courts within the framework of its provision for restriction orders. Before next season begins there must be further legislation for compulsory disqualification orders prohibiting attendance at football grounds. I am, Sir, yours faithfully, EDWARD GRAYSON, 4 Paper Buildings,

Temple, EC4.

From Mr Sebastian Coe

Sir, We cannot accept the excuses about "hindsight" now issuing plaintively from the bewildered bosses of football. Last weekend, they insisted on playing a dangerous match in Bournemouth on Bank holiday - against repeated police advice - and mayhem was the result. But there were no new lessons in this sorry tale. We have known for a long time that the timing and location of problem matches are key factors in stopping violence among supporters. Back in 1984, for example, one

of the first official reports (from the Department of the Environ-ment, and called "Football Spec-tator Violence") recommended that "matches between high-risk clubs should be programmed to take place mid-season and not during Bank holidays...and (such) clubs should not play away at major seaside towns on or during public holidays".

The football authorities should read that report again, and the many others since; let them not risk our anger further by using the "it's easy with hindsight" excuse after their next piece of awful incompetence, Football violence was a tragic stain on this country's reputation in the 1980s. In a new decade, the problem is still with us; and so also are, regrettably, the so-called leaders of this once beautiful game.

Yours sincerely, SEBASTIAN COE, Comodale Ltd. The Old Barn, Woodlands Park, Cobham, Surrey.

Canterbury succession

ance of violence at football grounds that those who have a propensity to

Sir, The news that Robert Eames, Archbishop of Armagh, is fading from the position of front-runner for the next Archbishop of Canterbury, as reported by you today (May 7), is disappointing. I suppose it is the inevitable consequence of being too early and too soon in the stakes.

However, the machinations of the process of selection are beyond the ken of most parish clergy, not to say laity and indeed members of the Anglican Communion; so before Eames vanishes entirely, a word ought to be said in his favour, or at least for what he might have come to represent.

The appointment of the Archbishop of Canterbury is clearly of immense importance at an international as well as national level. In the speculative short-list, Eames represents the only can-didate whose credentials are realistically associated with Anglican life outside the United Kingdom.

A late candidate from a province of the world-wide Anglican Church would be an imaginative and bold inclusion. It took the post-Reformation Church of Rome some 400 years to escape a onenation domination of its primary.

May 9. It is about time the same hap-

nened here. NICHOLAS HENDERSON. St Martin's Vicarage, 25 Birch Grove, Acton, W3.

May 7.

From the Head Master of Westminster School Sir, I wonder if other readers share my response to the "detailed of a staff meeting at Church House (report, May 7) to be sent apparently to the Crown Appointments Commission, to-

gether with a covering letter from the General Synod's outgoing secretary-general. This disconcertingly insensitive expression of views will cause embarrassment both to those on the favoured list to succeed Dr Runcie as Arch-bishop of Canterbury and those perhaps fortunate enough to be No doubt the future archbishop

will forgive (or forget); meanwhile, perhaps the commission will not be unduly swayed by the voice of those who will one day be that archbishop's good and loyal ser-Vanill Yours faithfully, D. M. SUMMERSCALE

Head Master, Westminster School, 17 Dean's Yard, SW1.

War horses From Mr Frank Seely

Sir, After the surrender of Jerusalem to General Allenby on December 9, 1917, our brigade (the 22nd Mounted), together with the other regiments of the Yeo-many Mounted Division, were withdrawn to Askelon where we spent Christmas and gradually nursed our horses back to fitness after their gruelling time in the

Out of the blue, we were told that our horses were to be handed over to the Indian cavalry and that we were to be sent to France and retrained as machine-gunners. A ceremony was held at Gaza to mark the occasion.

Items of saddlery and spurs etc. were buried and a wooden memorial erected bearing the inscription (much abbreviated): "Stranger pause and shed a tear — A regiment's heart lies buried here". Thus ended the history of the Lincolnshire Yeomanry as a mounted cavahy unit - founded in 1901 from Lord Yarborough's Light Horse.

Yours etc. FRANK SEELY, 4 Drax Court, Middle Rasen. Market Rasen, Lincolnshire. May í.

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Curriculum for public schools

From Mr J. Richard Watson Sir, Dr Arthur Hearnden, General Sir, Dr Arthur Hearnden, General Secretary of the Independent Schools Joint Council, advises public schools to adopt the National Curriculum (report, early editions, May 5). Having successfully taught in State schools for 24 years I would advise fellow teachers to be circumspect.

Many of the National Curricu-

lum prescriptions are statements of the self-evident or else give instructions on how to re-invent the wheel. The documentation has been devised and written by escapees from the classroom non-teaching educationists, superannuated dons, LEA advisers and HMIs. By all means skim through the glossy brochures, gutting the best and dropping the rest. There will be useful material, some of it produced at great expense like the secondary attainment targets - £14 million in the

The key issue for public schools is that if they accept the National Curriculum they will also find recommended time allocations for subjects and that some areas classics, children with special needs drama and physical education - are not included or else dealt with in a perfunctory way.

The strength of all schools, State or independent, is the extent to which teachers are permitted to devise what is most appropriate for their pupils; public schools make a point of stressing particular areas of expertise, whether it be music, drama, the Combined Cadet Force or a wide range of foreign languages. The National Curriculum runs counter to all this tradition and deserves a place on the back burner (or a "low saliency rating", to use the public relations jargon whose work it largely is).

Yours faithfully, J. RICHARD WATSON, 152 Windy Hill Lane, Marske-by-the-Sea, Cleveland. May 6.

Breast screening risks From Miss Nella Marcus

Sir, Mr Norman Dacey (May 2) presents alarming facts from the United States where, in 1971, a warning of probable adverse con-sequences of annual breast screening was given, because of the X-rays involved. Mr Dacey claims that in the United States "the disease (breast cancer) is now epidemic and out of control". In the United Kingdom the

Forrest report (December, 1986) concluded that "screening should eventually reduce deaths from breast cancer by at least one third in the 50-64 age group". The British programme with threereport. Now we hear from Profes-sor Michael Baum (report, April 20) that in Britain younger women are also being screened and according to Mr Dacey, that regular screening can - and in the United States does - contribute to the incidence of breast cancer.

On the one hand we are told that vigilance is important: Europe Against Cancer Year in 1989 emphasised this approach, and national mass cervical and breastscreen programmes provided the means. Now we find that in the case of breast screening, it may not be such a good idea after all. What is the public to do? Yours faithfully, NELLA MARCUS,

Garden Flat. 22 Upper Park Road, NW3.

Cash for care From the General Secretary of the Leonard Cheshire Foundation

Sir. This foundation has consistently urged the need to earmark special funds to implement the Care in the Community programme. We are therefore delighted that this proposal has been successfully moved in the Lords committee stage (Parliament, May 9) very much along the lines originally proposed by Sir Roy Griffiths in his report, "Agenda

for Action". If Government seeks to restore the original proposals, supposedly for more flexible finance, let them remember all those local authorities who do not give a high priority to the needs of disabled people; and also that smaller number of anthorities who do not seem to welcome the involvement of voluntary activity in this aspect of community life. Yours faithfully

SIMON HARDWICK, General Secretary, The Leonard Cheshire Foundation, 26-29 Maunsel Street, SW1.

London calling From Mr Richard Haworth

Sir, Could not a telephone handset be designed with two further buttons marked 071 and 081 respectively, so that each of these digital trios could be dialled with a single prod? Yours faithfully R. J. HAWORTH. Temple, EC4. May 9.

From Mr Kalvin Haley Sir, It would now seem appropriate to dispense with the phrase at 6s and 7s" and replace it with "at 75 and 85". Yours faithfully, KALVIN HALEY, 187 High Street, Saint Mary Cray, Orpington, Kent.

candidate with all the necessary gravitas. Dr Otto von Habsburg, the septuagenarian heir of the last king to wear the Crown of St Stephen, is an MEP for a Bavarian constituency. His visits to Hungary in the past two years have proved that monarchism there is as alive as he is. There was a move last autumn to put Dr von Habsburg forward as a presidential candidate; but he politely declined the proposition. His son, Karl, has entered Austrian politics - a serious drawback - and lacks his father's deep knowledge of Hungary's language and people.

There is another complication involved in a future Habsburg restoration in Hungary. A Habsburg as head of state in Budapest would, unfairly but inevitably, be regarded as a provocation in Bucharest. Romania was the beneficiary of the Dual Monarchy's overthrow.

RURITANIAN RESTORATIONS Romanians have not forgotten that the authoritarian Horthy regime seized the first opportunity to enlist German help in order to recover territory from Romania. With German reunification in train, a Habsburg restoration would, at the moment, send the wrong signals. Scarcely less complex obstacles await restorationists in Romania or Yugoslavia

None of this invalidates the monarchical principle as a potential force for stability in Central Europe. Where national sentiments are liable to excess, the cosmopolitan freemasonry of royalty would be a useful moderating influence, as it was before 1914. Where the evolution of party politics has been artificially arrested, there are sound arguments in favour of a head of state, embodying statehood, whose independence of party is compulsory and whose succession is predictable and automatic.

There are also good historical precedents. The handling by King Juan Carlos of the transition from Francoism to democracy - a sterling example of monarchical professionalism - is spoken of with keen appreciation throughout Central Europe. The British monarchy has suffered only one comparatively brief interregnum, but its history has frequently demonstrated the advantages of elevating the supreme office in the State above party strife. A good monarch need not be a 'charismatic" figure; and genuine charisma, of the kind exemplified by President Havel or Mr Lech Walesa, is too rare to be relied upon.

During his visit, Prince Charles reminded his own countrymen of the qualities of endurance shown by the Hungarians, and asked whether the British would have displayed equal fortitude. The Prince's own compassion, and his repugnance for tyranny, help to explain why the British have never been forced to suffer the indignities borne so nobly by Hungarians.

Bristol's attractions From the Dean of Bristol Sir, Richard West (report, May 2)

offers an excessively dismal view of Bristol. I have been Dean of Bristol for nearly three years, and still see the city through a newcomer's eyes. Certainly, and sadly, I can recognise much of his description. But he has omitted a great deal. Bristol Cathedral, for instance, is developing an active and growing ministry to the city and diocese. Fine modern buildings are being

erected and old ones renovated. Among notable additions are the Spectrum Building on the edge of St Paul's, and most recently Lloyds Bank on Canons' Marsh. The renovations in Old Market Street have saved some exquisite small properties and, adjacent to the cathedral, is the major refurbishment of the splendid Victorian building to become the new Swallow Royal Hotel. Brunel House, which is occupied by the City Planning Department, has been restored and will in due course overlook a redesigned and legant square. The sad story of indiscriminate demolition has

come to an end. Local associations are beginning to flourish again, and the number of companies relocating here -100 in the city centre alone in the last 12 months - is impressive evidence of the city's attraction to

Richard West ends with a misapplication of Cardinal Hume's

recent remark that England is no longer a Christian country. In Bristol the churches, both in the centre and the suburbs, are not dead. They are actively involved with their parishes and other constituencies and seek, as I do now, to stand with and for the city and its citizens whom they continue to serve. Yours faithfully

From the Lord Mayor of Bristol Sir, Richard West's portrait of Bristol has prompted two reactions in local people: outrage and disappointment. It would be tedious to rebut each of the blows

he delivered, but perhaps I can

WESLEY CARR

Bristol Cathedral.

College Green,

challenge one suggestion wi symptomatic of the whole. Mr West gives the impression that the city's Georgian heritage has been sacrificed. The fact is that Bristol has more Georgian buildings than Bath, and that its conservation programme is generally acknowledged to be the most successful in the country.

Yours faithfully KATHLEEN MOUNTSTEPHEN, Lord Mayor, The Mansion House, Clifton Down. Bristol, Ayua.

GEORGE YOUNG



COURT CIRCULAR

BUCKINGHAM PALACE May 10: The Queen was represented by Sir Marcus Worsley, Bt, (Her Majesty's Lord-Lieutenant for North Yorkshire) at the Memorial Service for Brigadier Kenneth Hargreaves (formerly Her Majesty's Lord-

Lieutenant for West Yorkshire) which was held in Selby Abbey, today. KENSINGTON PALACE May 10: The Princess of Wales arrived at Heathrow Airport, London this evening from the

Republic of Hungary.
Sir John Riddell Bt, Mrs
James Lonsdale and Surgeon-Captain lan Jenkins RN were in

The Princess Margaret, Countess of Snowdon, Master of the Bench of Lincoln's Inn, this vening dined in Hall on Grand

The Lady Juliet Townsend and Major The Lord Napier and Ettrick were in attendance, YORK HOUSE ST JAMES'S PALACE

May 10: The Duke of Kent, as President, this evening attended

a reception for the National Appeal of the Scout Association at The Speaker's House, Westminster, London SW1. Mr Andrew Palmer was in

> arrendance. The Duchess of Kent, as Patron of the Choir Schools' Association, today attended a special recording of the British Broad-casting Corporation's "Songs of Praise" in Lichfield Cathedral,

Mrs David Napier was in unendance: The Duke and Duchess of Kent were represented by Major General Woods at the Memorial Service for Brigadier Kenneth Hargreaves which was held in

elby Abbey, today. THATCHED HOUSE LODGE May 10: Princess Alexandra and Sir Angus Ogilvy today visited Alderney and Sark, accompanied by His Excellency the Lieutenant-Governor (Sir Alex-

nder Boswell) Her Royal Highness and Sir Ingus Ogilvy later arrived at Heathrow Airport, London.
The Lady Mary Mumford was

The engagement is announced between Crispian, elder son of the late Lieutenant-Commander the Hon W.A.C. Keppel and of

Mrs Keppel, of Meonstoke, and

Tina, elder daughter of Mr and Mrs Claus Ammann, of Stutt-

The engagement is announced

between Patrick, son of Mrs M.D. Mitchell and the late Rev

J.N. Mitchell, of Coleraine, Co

Londonderry, and Nicola, daughter of Mr and Mrs R.E.

Day, of Penicuik, Mid Lothian,

The engagement is announced between Richard, younger son

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between Timothy, younger son of Mr and Mrs B.H. Woods, of Hammersmith, London, and Katie, daughter of Mr and Mrs R.K. Jones, of Chester, Chester,

The engagement is announced

between Samuel Sherratt, yourgest son of Jonathan and Ann Wordsworth, of Warborough, Oxford, and Sophie, second

daughter of Mr and Mrs Geof-

frey Lewis, of Wendens Ambo.

Princess Alice Duchess of

Gioucester, as Patron of the Embroiderers' Guild, will at-

guild's collection of embroideries at the Mansion House at 7.25.

The Duchess of Kent, as Charl-

cellor, will preside at the honor-

ell, deputy chairman, received the guests.

The Chairman of the Trustees, Field Marshal The Lord Bra-mall, was host at a luncheon

yesterday to mark the 50th anniversary of Sir Winston Churchill becoming Prime Min-

Diplomatic and Commonwealth

Mr Shridath Ramphal, Com-

monwealth Secretary-General, was the guest of honour at a

Britain at the Foreign Press Association. Mr Robert Mauth-

Diplomatic and Comm

Imperial War Museum

red R.W.B. Thom:

and Miss J.A. Foster

and Miss K. Jone:

Mr S.S. Wordsworth

and Miss S. Lewis

Gray's Inn

Essex.

Mr C.W.J. Keppel

gart, W Germany.

Mr N.P. Mitchell

and Miss N.J. Day

Forthcoming marriages

Mr J.G.W. Agnew and Mha M.C. Dreen The engagement is announced between Jonathan, elder son of the late Sir Geoffrey and the Hon Lady Agnew, and Marie-Claire, elder daughter of Mr and

Mrs Bernard Dreesmann. Mr E.D. Clark and Miss J.A. Graham. The engagement is announced between Elihu David, son of

Rabbi and Mrs Matthew Clark, of Jerusalem, and Washington DC, and Judith Anna, daughter of Mr and Mrs John Graham, of Mr J.G.V. Coles

and Miss Q.L.B. Page The engagement is announced between Gideon, younger son of Mr and Mrs Hugh Coles, of Caramujeira, Algarve, and Quelli, only daughter of Major and Mrs David Page, of Swallowfield Farm, Brightling,

Mr M. Crawshay-Williams

of Mr and Mrs Byars Thomson, of Holt Valley Farm, Clayton, East Sussex, and Alexandra, elder daughter of Mr and Mrs Michael Foster, of Codmore and Miss M. Church The engagement is announced between Mark, son of Mr and Mrs J. Crawshay-Williams, of Field House, Pulborough, West Beckley, Sussex, and Melissa, daughter of Mr and Mrs J. Mr T.B.C.H. Woods Church, of Guildford, Surrey.

Mr R.A.N. Gibbons and Miss S.J. Edwards

The engagement is announced between Nigel, elder son of Mr and Mrs R.F. Gibbons, of London, SWI, and Sarah, elder daughter of Mr and Mrs S.C. Edwards, of Stoke Bishop, Bristol.

Mr B.J. Humber and Miss J. Alexander-Holmes The engagement is announced between Brian, elder son of Mr

and Mrs J.G. Hunter, of Cramond, Edinburgh, and Ja-net, only daughter of Mr and Mrs G.A. Holmes, of Selby, North Yorkshire.

Birth The Hon Mrs Richard Milner gave birth to a daughter in Jersey, on May 8.

Mr Justice Mantell, QC, has been elected a Master of the Bench of Gray's Inn. Today's royal engagements

The Queen will present the service and reception at Mai-Winston Churchill Memorial denhead Synagogue at 4.00 dur-Trust Medallions to mark the ing their jubilee celebrations. twenty-fifth anniversary of the Churchill Travelling Fellowship Scheme at Guildhall at 10.45. Queen Elizabeth The Queen Mother will visit the diamond jubilee exhibition of the Aber-deenshire Federation of the Scottish Women's Rural In-stitutes in the Music Hall,

Aberdeen, at 3.15. ary degree ceremony at Leeds Princess Margaret will attend a University at 12.30.

Luncheons

HM Government The Hon Douglas Hurd, Secretary of State for Foreign and Commonwealth Affairs, was host at a luncheon given by Her Majesty's Government yes-terday at 1 Carlton Gardens, SW1, in honour of Professor Krzysztof Skubiszewski, Polish Foreign Minister.

marallan British Chamber of manager (UK)

The Australian High Commissioner was the guest of honour and speaker at a luncheon given yesterday at the Hyatt Carlton Tower hotel by the Australian British Chamber of Commerce (UK) in association with the New Zealand and Papua New Guinea Chambers of Com-merce Sir Donald Tebbit, presi-dent. Mr Fred de Costobadie, chairman, and Dr David Mitch- ner, president, was in the chair.

Birthdays

today

Vice-Admiral Sir Edward Anson, 61: Sir Edgar Beck. president, John Mowlem and Company, 79; Lady Rachel Billington, writer, 48; Sir Rhodes Boyson, MP, 65; Sir John Compton Miller, barrister, 90; Sir Percy Faulkner, former controller, HMSO, 83; Miss Martha Graham. dancer, 94; Professor M.J. Hamlin, principal and vice-chancellor, Dundee University, 60; Sir Ernest

Harrison, chairman, Racal Electronics, 64. Professor Antony Hewish radio astronomer, 66: Mr Justice Hollis, 63; Sir Robert Hunt, former chairman, Dowly Group, 72: Sir Albert Kennedy, former inspector-general, RUC, 84; Brigadier Joan Moriarty, former matron-in-chief and director, Army Nursing Services, 67; Sir Ian Percival, QC. 69; Mr Ian Redpath, cricketer, 49; Mr Mike Sleman, rugby player, 39; Sir Ronald Swayne, company executive, 72; Sir Gordon White, chairman, Hanson Industries, 67; the Hon Montague Woodhouse, Greek resistance organizer, 73.

Marriage

Mr C.J. Millar and Miss A.K. Martin

The marriage took place on Saturday, May 5, at St Paul's Church, East Molesey, Surrey, of Mr Charles Millar, son of Sir Oliver and Lady Millar, of Penn, Buckinghamshire, and Miss Alice Martin, daughter of Mr and Mrs John Martin, of East Molesey, Surrey. The Reverend Robert Cotton officiated. The bride, who was given in

marriage by her father, was attended by Max Porter and Marnie Dickens, nephew and niece of the bridegroom and Guy Bromley, cousin of the bride. Mr Rupert Walder was best man.
A reception was held at the

home of the bride.

Professor Graham Weddell

A memorial service for Alexan der Graham McDonnell Weddell, MA (MD; DScLond), Fellow of Oriel College, Oxford 1947-75, will be held in the College Chapel on Saturday, June 9, 1990, at 2.30pm.

OBITUARIES

George Kennedy Young, CBE, CMG, MBE, former Vice-Chief of the Secret Intelligence Service (M16) died aged 79 in London on May 9. He was born on April 11, 1911.

GEORGE Young was a journalist, an army officer, a distinguished intelligence officer, a banker and a politician. He was a lowland Scot from Dumfriesshire. Local Covenanter traditions and the strict disciplinary teachings of the United Free Church moulded his boyhood mind. His Sunday School, with its studies of David Livingstone, Mary Slessor and Wilberforce, gave him his first world view. Here were the foundations of what he was to become, and the roots of his qualities fierce individualism. unwillingness to compromise. intellectual honesty and allegiance to those values on which our society rests.

He was educated at Dumfries Academy and St Andrew's University, where he took a double First in Modern Languages. Later he went to the Universities of Giessen, Dijon and Yale, and acquired an MA in Political Science. His powerful mind and an interest in politics were now in evidence - not academic politics, but the politics of action. He soon had the chance to practise them. He took a job as reporter with George Outram's Glasgow Herald.

There he became a Labour supporter. He was aiready at odds with the Chamberlain government over appeasement. The grinding poverty of the city hit him hard. His do you want," he asked, "Secret intelligence or jobs for social reformer, for he never had any truck with socialist dogma and theories. He was too intelligent a realist for

When war broke out, he beloved border country, the King's Own Scottish Borderers. His flair for languages and politics pulled him towards intelligence in the Army and he joined the British Secret Service in 1943, This was the start of a distinguished career, which lasted until

Stories about him still cir-



one occasion in Cairo, having received a particularly indecisive telegram from London he sent a three word reply saying Yes, repeat no." On another, when he was Vice-Chief of the Service, he challenged his Chief about appointments to

some plum posts abroad the boys?". George was not afraid to contradict his superiors.

When in Iran during the Mossadeq crisis in 1951, he disagreed with London over a joined the regiment of his certain course of action he wanted to take. Convinced that he was right, he acted without London's authority. On return home, expecting dismissal, he received instead only a reprimand. His re-action was typical: "I am not apologizing," he replied. "You and I both know that I was

was later told that he would never be given the top job. His reaction was characteristic; be left

He then became a banker with Kleinwort Benson. In 1962 he wrote Masters of Indecision, in which he attacked the indecision, as he saw it, of Whitehall. His next book, Merchant Banking, soon became a textbook on its

But at heart George was a politician, an intellectual man of action. He had to achieve results and began gradually to turn to active politics. That rugged independence and supreme respect for the individual, which he had absorbed in his Dumfriesshire boyhood, asserted themselves. This time the Labour Party was not for

He emerged on the Conservative right, with connections with the Monday Club. He right, and I'll do it again if worked hard to have Mrs each other. They had no need be." Perhaps as a con- Thatcher elected as party lead- children.

unsuccessfully as Conservative candidate for Brent East in the 1974 election. He held strong views on

er in 1975. He had stood

immigration. He believed that large numbers of immigrants would not integrate, but bring their own cultures with them. and that this would ultimately threaten the country's social cohesion and culture. These views had him branded by some as a fascist and a racist This was unfair. He was a supreme individualist, a champion of free thought, devoted to democracy. His views on immigration were based on social, cultural and other arguments. Racial considerations were never among them. He stood for the old Scottish standards, including a personal obligation to protect those values on which he conceived our society as being built.

Perhaps a man of such ability should have achieved more in life. Certainly be never quite had the success his great intellectual gifts and strength of character deserved. His judgement on what might or might not be reasonably accomplished was not always sound. He might have become head of the Secret Service, chairman of a bank or a government minister. He failed, it was said, because of his inability to conform. He rocked hoats. He was not respectful and did not suffer fools at all. All this may have been true, but at the end of the day he could claim the greatest success of all - from the start of his life to its finish, he was always his own man.

George Young was a man of culture, widely read with a deep knowledge and love of music and the arts. Until recently, he took robust care of his physical health. His forthrightness sometimes concealed an unexpected gentleness of nature and a great kindness and loyalty, particularly to subordinates and those dependent upon him.

He married, in 1939. Géryke Harthoom, the daughter of a highly placed Dutch lawyer in the Dutch East Indies. They were devoted to

GEOFFREY GREEN

Geoffrey Green, OBE, the former Association Football Correspondent of The Times, died on May 9, three days short of his 79th birthday. He was born on May 12, 1911.

GEOFFREY Green was a unique figure in sporting journalism. Not only did he write, often in lyrical style, for close on 40 years for The Times, from his first sortie to Portsmouth in 1938 to watch their match against Middlesbrough, but he was one of the last of a breed of gifted amateur sportsmen for whom the ethic and the romance of the game, whichever it happened to be, were valued bove all else.

As an old fashioned attacking centre half for Cambridge University and the legendary Corinthians, Green was said by Charlie Buchan, a famous centre forward for England, Sunderland and Arsenal, to have been in his prime possibly the best centre half in the country.

Born in Madras and educated at Shrewsbury, Green's melody as a writer both chronicled and epitomized the golden era of middle class comfort and confidence from which he came. Yet what distinguished him was the catholicity of his vast number of friends and acquaintances. from the aristocracy to the cab driver and the gate man. He had the common touch, a bewildering ability to cross social barriers, and wherever he went, even behind the Iron Curtain, he was the focus of bizarre happenings that seemed to gather around him.

Belonging unashamedly to the privileged era of the 1920s, of cocktails and Noël Coward and a time when sport was a pleasure, he looked always for a song in what he reported. It could be said that he belonged to that rare breed of journalists for whom readers would exclusively buy a particular newspaper. The yearning for a song extended to his private life, from the Cambridge days when he helped Louis Armstrong climb the wail after midnight into his rooms at Pembroke.

It was not uncommon at the many evening functions at which Green was a guest speaker in constant demand for him to pull out a tapeplayer from beneath the table and interrupt his speech with some Dixieland number.

To his colourful tapestry of football events covered for The Times - and at different periods at cricket and tennis he added, during the 1950s and 1960s a continuous contribution to the BBC, and particularly to Sports Report under the leadership of Eamonn Andrews. Never guilty of xenophobia, for he could be poetic about Worrell and Weekes or Santana, Osuna and Krishnan, he believed in colonial style in the British order of things. "It's about time they played to the rules the way we wrote them," he once wrote of an errant foreign football team.

Green was introduced to The Times by the immediate pre-war sports editor, Major Bob Lyle, and returned, after war service with the RAF. under the new sports editorship of Oliver Beaumont, covering the first post-war cup final between Derby and Charlton Athletic. When the Queen invested him with the OBE in 1976, and enquired



which teams he would hope to see at Wembley, he replied: "As long as it's between fun and laughter, ma'am, I don't mind.

Yet for someone who was perceived all his life as a deliberate amateur, Green in practice was an extreme professional: seldom if ever late with copy, accurate on fact, a photographic memory for de-tail. He never used a typewriter in his life, and would deliver his handwritten copy of his weekend preview at the old Printing House Square in time for afternoon tea as provided by waitress service. Many a time he would not have been to bed, passing the night away among friends at one of many West End haunts.

"Just in time for breakfast, Mr Green," a waitress would say as he settled himself in front of the sporting room coke fire and ordered two cream buns and a glass of milk into which he would pour four tablespoons of sugar. Green's stamina for a lifestyle which allocated him little sleep and much fortified beverage was whom he left trailing in his

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wake. None of this prevented him filing off-the-cuff stories on the final whistle, not a word written, late at night under the new demanding circumstances of floodlit sport, to the envy of colleagues. It was a hallmark of a clear mind and never more evident than when he reeled off 2,000 words without pause on the 1968 European Cup final at Wembley in which Manchester United beat Benfica.

Green was unique in one special way: an amateur at heart who was admired by the professionals on whom he commented.

The inspiration of his years of long retirement, so unexpected by his friends, was his daughter Ti, born late in his life and following in his footsteps to Cambridge, Although there was turbulence in his private affairs, he was

LUIGI NONO

Luigi Nono, the Italian com- of European music within a into the field of music." ences - political and intellec- also in such innovative pieces poser and a leading figure of the left wing radical school of has died aged 66. He was born on January 29, 1924.

LUIGI Nono underwent a conventionally classical training at the Venice Conservatory, where from 1943 to 1945 he studied composition with Gian Francesco Malipiero, who, being both musicologist and composer. helped Nono to become as closely acquainted with tend a dinner in aid of the Renaissance music as he was with the New Viennese composers. While engaged in his musical studies, Nono also undertook a course in Law at Padua University, from where he graduated in 1946.

> Later he continued his musical apprenticeship under Bruno Maderna (who was often to conduct Nono's work) and then Hermann Scherchen, both of whom further developed Malipiero's ideas and demonstrating what happens

broader socio-historical concontemporary Italian music, member of the Italian Communist Party, and consequently he developed a strong moral belief that his music should be a direct expression of his political

Nono's career as a composer was allowed to flourish in the first place in Germany. His Variazioni canoniche was given by Scherchen at Darmstadt 1950. In 1956 he suddenly received international recognition when Il canto sospeso, a big, serially-con-structed choral work whose text was taken from the letters of condemned European Resistance fighters, was given in Cologne.

Nono's credo concerning 12-note music was crushingly simple. In 1960 he wrote that dodecaphony was "only a distribution of notes contrasting with one another and also encouraged the appraisal when democracy is carried on

text. Soon Nono became a he had married Nuria practice in his work. He was Schoenberg, the daughter of premiere of Moses und Aron (later they were to part). From 1954 onwards he was

engaged, like Maderna and Berio, in experimental electronic work in the Milan Radio Studio, and the rapid spread of his reputation in the late 1950s resulted in many invitations to teach. Among these was one from the **Dartington Summer School in** Devon, which he visited in 1959, 1960 and 1961. Meanwhile, back in Darmstadt, in 1959, he delivered a notorious lecture directed against the aesthetics of John Cage and others of that philosophical

As befitted a man with his political convictions. Nono travelled widely to countries with its indulgently idealistic in the Eastern bloc and to climax, though Nono's sense South America in the 1960s, of theatre is always compel-

Brigadier Kenneth Hargreaves

present were:

Significantly the previous year tual - and to put them into as the opera on texts by the composer, whom he had asked by the Italian Comfirst met at the Hamburg munist Party, the official student movement and various trade unions to engage in debate about his own work, seeing himself very much in the role of a musician of the people.

Some, however, remained unconvinced. Eric Salzman. in his Twentieth Century Music: an Introduction, for instance, dismissed him curtiy, saying that Nono's relating of artistic revolution to social revolution "is debatable" in terms of its artistic significance. Perhaps it is true that a

piece like La fabbrica illuminata (1964), an anticapitalist, anti-Stalinist essay, heavily dependent on the taped sounds, does spoil itself eager to learn from his experi- ling. That sense was expressed

Brecht. Sartre and others, game for the challenge when Intolleranza 1960, which concerns the rediscovery by a brutally victimised emigrant miner of the human spirit; it was subsequently revised as Intolleranza 1970. Yet in such uncompromisingly political music the per-

sonsi expression of an intrinsically impersonal ideology is a delicately balanced thing. Sometimes with Nono the impersonal gains too much of an upper hand. Yet there can be no dispute about the power and poignancy of a work like the tape piece Ricorda cosa ti hanno fatto in Auschwitz (1966), derived from the sounds of a wailing high soprano and a children's chorus as well as from pure electronic sounds, nor of the mixed live and electronic sounds in a piece such as Y entonces comprendio (1969-70), a lament for the heroes of Castro's revolution.

forever pursuing the rain-bow's end.

Dinners

Churchili becoming raining mus-ister. The guests included: Lady Soames, Mr Winston Churchill MP, Lord Callasham. Lord Stockton, the Lord Callasham. Lord Stockton, Hubbsham. Larty Brantall. Sir John Peck, Sir David Huni, Lady Colville. Sir William Deakin, the Rt Hon Richard Luce MP, Dr Alan Borg. Princess Margaret attended a dinner in hall given by the Treasurer of Lincoln's Inn. Lord Justice Parker, and the Masters of the Bench last night being the Grand Day of Easter Term. Among others present were:

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> Company of Tin Plate Workers Mr David Haywood was

guest of honour and speaker at a court dinner of the Company of Tin Plate Workers alias Wire Workers held last night at Armourers' Hall. Mr David Greggains, Master, presided and Vice-Admiral Sir Ronald Brockman also spoke. The Master also presented Mr Gordon Ramsden with the company's annual craft competition prize.

Arbitrators' Company Colonel William Armstrong, Master of the Arbitrators' Company, accompanied by Mrs Armstrong, presided at the sum-mer livery dinner held last night at Barber-Surgeons' Hall. Mr Justice Anthony Evans and Major-General Christopher Tyler. Resident Governor and Keeper of the Jewel House, HM Tower of London, also spoke.

Jewish Deaf Association Mrs Gwyneth Dunwoody, MP, and the Hon Greville Janner, QC, MP, were the guest speakers at a dinner given yesterday at

Glaziers' Hall by the Jewish Deaf Association to mark Jew ish Deaf Week. Mr George M. Gee, president of the a

Service dinner Land Steiermark

The Austrian Ambassador and Mrs Magrutsch were the hosts at the annual dinner for forme ment, Land Steiermark, Austria. held last night at the embassy. Lord Caccia presided and the principal guest was Mr Franz Wegari. Speaker of the Steier-mark Provincial Government. London Rifle Brigade Rangers Lieutenant-Colonel Kyrle Simond presided at the London Rifle Brigade Officers' annual dinner held last night at The

Royal Green Jackets London Club. Field Marshal Lord Bramall, Mr Ted Dexter. Lieutenant-Colonel Jamie Dan-iell and Major Colin Mauger were among those present. Soirée Royal Society Sir George Porter, OM, Presi-

dent of the Royal Society,

presided at the annual Science

in Industry soirée held last night at 6 Carlton House Terrace. Reception

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London The Lord Mayor, Patron of the Guild of Freemen of the City of London, and the Lady Mayoress, accompanied by the Sheriffs and their ladies, attended a reception held yesterday at the Mansion House. Dr John T. Breen, Master, and Mrs Breen received the guests.

Guild of Freemen of the City of

Memorial services

The Queen was represented by Sir Marcus Worsley, Lord Lieutenant of North Yorkshire. Lieutenant of North Yorkshife, at a sevice of thanksgiving for the life of Brigadier Kenneth Hargreaves held yesterday in Selby Abbey. The Duke and Duchess of Kent were represented by Major-General H.G. Sir Eric Weiss A service of thanksgiving for the The Rev Stephen Whaley

life of Sir Eric Weiss was held on Wednesday in the West London Synagogue, Upper Berkeley Street, WI, Rabbi Hugo Gryn officiated. Lord Hanson read the lesson and Mr Nigel Forbes Adam read from the works of John Donne. The Bishop of and Rabbi B. Hooker officiated. Mr Norman Weiss and Mr Stephen Weiss, sons, gave read-Selby gave an address and pronounced the blessing. The Dean of York, the Archdeacon ings. Mr Anthony Chubb, Chairman of Foseco, and Sir of Richmond and Canon J.C. Barron were robed and in Choir. Roger Falk gave addresses. Among others present were: The Lord Lieutenants of Lady Welst (widow), Mr and Mrs A Schieffer and Mr and Mrs C Murray (soms-in-law and daughters). Mrs Arrays (soms-in-law and daughters). Mrs Arrays Schieffer, Mrs Mistha Welss-Lim, Kerry Schiefer, Mrs Chieffer, Mrs Chieffer, Mrs C Jacobs (brother-in-law and Mrs C Jacobs (brother-in-law and sister). Miss C Lim, Miss Wendy Bootman, Mr Peter Mrs C. Humberside, South Yorkshire and West Yorkshire and Lady Ingrow attended. Among others Ingrow attended. Among others present were:

Mr and Mrs Peter Hargreaves-Allen from and daugnter-in-law. Mr and Mrs J & Mr Roscoe (soen-in-law and daughter). Mr Ian Gow. MP, (stepsor-Ir-law). Mr Nicholas Roscoe and Mr Cartstoph Hargreaves-Allen (grand-soes). Mr and Mrs John Grove istepson-in-law and step-daughter). Mrs Simon Scrope, Mrs Edna Greeves. Mr and Mrs George Lane-Fox. Mr and Mrs Richard and other mentions of the family.

The Earl of Heiling (representing the York Minsler Fund). Lord and Lady Martin Fitzalan Howard, Victoust and Victounters Inglish). Mrs Count and Victounters Inglish, Mrs Count and Lady Stoward. Victoust and Mrs Poster, in the Mayor and Lady Hon Mrs J P Dent. Mrs H G Woods, the Lord Mayor of Bradford. Br Mayor and Mrs of Bradford. Br Mayor and Mayoress of Calderdale. the Mayor and Mayoress of Calderdale. The Mayor and Mayoress of Kirklees. The High Shertiff of West Yorketire. The High Shertiff o

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World Colleges), Sir Lestie Porter,
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McLintosh. Mr Robert Jordan (group
managing-director, Foscot) with other
past and present members of staff;
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Marquis (Birmingham University)
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Jarrett Spills, Mr and Mrs D E T
Tamfield and Mrs M Cranger with
other members of Staff from the
Manager House, Little Barrow.

The Rev Joseph McCulloch A service of thanksgiving for the life of the Rev Joseph McCulloch was held yesterday at the Church of St Mary-le-Bow, Cheapside. The Bishop of Oxford officiated and the Rev Victor Stock read the lesson. Dame Peggy Ashcroft read from

the works of John Donne, Mr Julian Glover from The Pilgrim's Progress by John Bunyon and Miss Diana Rigg from the works of William Shakespeare. Mr Toby Robertson read a sonnet by Joseph McCulloch and Mr Bernard Levin gave an address. Among those present

Mr Peter Jones

A service of thanksgiving for the life and work of Mr Peter Jones was held yesterday at All Souls. Langham Place. Prebendary Richard Bewes officiated, assisted by the Rev Ernest Rea, Head of Religious Broadcasting, BBC. Mr Christopher Gorringe, Chief Executive of the All England Lawn Tennis and Croquet Club, Wimbledon, and Mr Jimmy Armfield read the lessons. Mr Stuart Jones and Mr lan Jones, sons, read poems by Edward Thomas, Dorothy Parker, N.T. Carrington and Edna Vincent Millay, Mr Alun Williams from the works of Dylan Thomas and Mr Daniel Topolski from the works of A.E. Housman. Mr Cliff Morgan gave an address. Among those present were:

Mrs. Jones (widow), Mrs. Cynthia Johns, Mrs. Sand Mrs. Alan Tiffin, Mrs. Joan Capisin, Mr. Jeremy Coplan, Mrs. S. Capisin, Mr. and Mrs. Michael Gray, Mrs. T. Gray, Miss. Susan McNiven, Mr. and Mrs. Alam Rees, Mr. Sieven Rees, Mr. Nick Gammon, Miss. Bridget Gammon, Mrs. B. Ray, Miss. A. Johns.

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Abbey Panels Investments plc

The board of Abbey Panels Investments ple is pleased to announce the following new appointments. Mr E. Loades who was Chairman becomes President, Mr A.E. Loades ir appointed Chairman and Mr R.W. Loades is appointed Managing Director.

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ANNOUNCEMENTS & PERSONAL

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BEASN - On May 8th. a! The Portland Hospital. London W1. to Anabela and Colin. a son. a brother for Filida CARRISTF - On May 6th. in Brussels. to Veronica (nee Kurtzahn) and Tony. a son. Felix.

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COINTIWWAITE - On Sunday
May 6th at Queen Chartotle's
Hospital, to Lourdes thee
Mertin-Carol and Jonathan,
a son, a brother for Marcus.

CRITCIBLOW - On May 7th, at
The Portland Hospital, to
Gerda and Clive, a daughter.

DAFFERN - On May 10th, at
St. Paul's, Cheltenhum, to
Marie-Andrée unée Lebom;
and Nicholas, a son, a
brother for Charles-Henri,

DEWBALL - On April 27th to

DEWSALL - On April 27th, to Susan (née Barrell) and William, a daughter, Hayley

ORREST - On March 6th 1990, to Rupert and Kate, 9

FRASER - On April 29th, at The Portland Hospital, to Joanne and Nicholas, a

GEORGE - On May 2nd, at The County Hospital. Hereford, to Rachel (nèe Green) and Charles, a daughter, isobel.

MATCHARD - On April 30th 1990, as Salisbury, to Diana (née McCill) and John, a son, Thomas William a brother Welling as the state of the stat

Thomas William, a brother for Edward and Sarah.

MOPKIRK - On May 4th. to Ana and Tim. a beautiful

NOWELL - On May 6th, at Rochford Hospital, to Jenny inde Lewisi and Stewart, a daughter, Emma Lucinda, a sister for Mark

daughter. Laura May.

KINGSTOM - On May 9th, at home. to Chariotic uneo Jamieson) and Michael, a daughter. Althous Sonnie Rachet, a sister for Rebecca and Hartiman Dao Gratias.

LE BROCQ - On May 8th, to Mark and Sophie inte Woodhouse, a daughter.

MARTELL IN STREETS -On May 7th, to Paz and Ricardo, a son. I'nigo, a twolver for Blanca

MASSEY - On May 8th, at Queen Charlottes Hospital, to Cate and Hamon, a daughter.

at 9 pm in Si Thomas's Hos-pital to Advian and Joanna. a son. Edward William.

Kent and Canterbury Hospital, to June and Ted. a daughter, ricinus Ancie.

O'DOWD - On April 28th 1990

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PRICE - On May 8th, to Angela (nee Ashkar) and Roger, a son. Geoffrey Devid Trunks to the Ooctors and staff of The Portland Hospital.

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WALLACE - On April 30th, to

Stone the Elach and John & daughter. Helena Jane Lamond.

WAY - On May 6th, at The

Portland Hospital, to Mary and William, beautiful twin girls. Patricla Shields and Mary Alexander.

DEATHS

ALLATINI - On May 9th, peacefully in Povos. Portugal, after a short liness. John Allatini, dearly loved fether of Linda and grandfather of Emily and Alexander.

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shire Royal Boucester, to Katy

ANDERTON - On May 6th 1990. John Bury, dearest and treasured husband of Audrey, devoted father of Lestey and Nick and grandad of Duncan, Alex and Sumon. Funeral on Monday May 14th at 8t Michael's Church. Spreyion. at 2.50 pre. followed by committal at Exeter Crematorium at 4 pm. Family flowers only. donations to British Heart

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to Mr C. Steer. Homeeled,
Station Road, Bow, near
Credition, Devon. Ext. 7 6HU.
BENSOM BROWNING — On
May 5th. in Scotland, as the
result of a trages accident,
Piers, brother of Isin and
Alex, tincle of Joanna and
Philipp, Vice-President of the
DHO. Wengen, Switzerland
and deat friend of Sarah and
so many. Funeral private.
Thanksgiving service to be
BICKET On May 5th aged

BICKET - On May 9th, aged 32, after a long illness borne with great courage and humour. Margrela. eldest daughter of Henry and Kate Bicket and sister of Jennie. Harry and Robert. No flowers please, but donations if desired to Leonard Cheshire Home. c/o Mr. Davles, The Leonard Cheshire Home. Woolton Road. Liverpool L25. All emquiries to Pearson & Collinson. (051) 722 1514. COMMISSION (USI) 722 1010-COSMELL - On May 9th 1990. Peacefully at home, having shown great courage. Jill. aged 51. beloved wife of David and much loved mother of Lucinda. Charles

mother o mother of Lucinda. Charles and Damian. Cremation - mamediate family only. Service of Thanksgiving at St. John the Baptist. Penshurst Parish Church, on Friday May 18th at 11 am. No flowers please - donations may be sent to imperial Cancer Research Fund c/o H.J. Johnston and Son. Chiddingstone Causeway. Pershurs. Lunt.

Coulson - On May 9th, in hospital after many years of failing health, William Denholm, beloved husband of Hope. Dearly loved father of Robin and James and grandfather to Mark. Charlotte and Sophia. Funeral Service at St Peter's Church, Goodworth Clatford on Wednesday May 16th at 2.46 pm. Family Sowers only.

COURTNEY SEER - On May 8th peacefully at SI Peler's and 8t James Hospice. Wiveksiled Green, Sussex, Donald, betoved husband of Dorothy Elizabeth, faither of Dizabeth and Brian and tressured grandpa and greatgrandpa. Funeral Service at SI Mary's Church, Newick, Sussex, on Tuesday May 15th at 2.15 ptb. Enquiries to R.A. Brooks and Son, Newick, Sussex, (e) (082572) 2895 or (0444) 454331.

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DIXON - On May 9th, peacefully at home after a protonged liliness. Betty Joyce, belowed wife of Paul, devoted mother of Roger and Sarah and loving grandmulter of Pappa and Jamie. Private cremation. Donations for The Macmillan Nurses Support Fund may be sent to Singleton & Hasilings Funeral Service, 31 Bernard Street, lipswich IP1 3LW.

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DRAYSON - On May 8th, whilet golfing at Rye, Attred George (Jim), beloved husband of Dorothy, father of Carole and Sue and loving grandfather. Private cremation at Charing on Wednesday May 16th. Thankstiving Service at 2.15 pm op Thursday May 31st at St Mary's, Chart Road, Sutton Valence, Kent. Family flowers only, but monthines if desired in Service Heart Foundation or Cancer Research c/o Pickurd and Basie, 11 Brewer Street. Maidelone, Kent.

ELMS - On May 10th 1990, peacefully, Jo (Doreen), wife of Albert. Cremation at Vitters Park, Mandatoos, 11 am, Tuesday May 15th.

EPSTEIN - On May 10th, peacefully at home, Kurl. much loved husband of Dorrit and father of Monica and Isabela. Funeral at Golders Green Crematorium, Monday May 14th at 2.30 pm. Family flowers only please, but donations if desired to Cancer Research.

STOCHALL - On May 5th 1990.

Sir Reginaid Goodell C.B.E., of Barham, Kent. Funeral Service at the Catholic Church of St Thomas of Canterbury. Burgate, Canterbury. Burgate, Canterbury on Monday May 14th 1990 at 11 am, followed by private interment at Barham Details of a Memorial Service in London will be amounted later. Enguries to Lyons Funeral Enquiries to Lyons Funeral Service, tel: (0227) 463608.

CADLEY - On May 9th.
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Over Kellel. on Tuesday May
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England Children's Society
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EANTY - On May 9th 1990. Suddenly. Christine, beloved daughter of Claim and Paul Jenniy. Jennty.

LEE - On May 6th 1990, at home in Westerham, Kent, after a short illness, Robert it accept the Tanuers Arins, Horsham and The Wheatshoar, Kingafold, He will be sadly missed by his wife Dee, this family and his many, many friends, Aff enquiries to W & S Groombridge, 67732) 353954.

Cwmcyniciin Retirement and Nursing Home, Aberystwyth, Kathleen Magill, aged 81 years. Funeral private, MARN - On May 8th 1990, at home in Mesdowrott. Utile Saxham. Bury St Edmunds. James Haymond (Bill), mach loved by wife Vee, son Adrian and daughter-in law Julia. The private funeral service will be followed by a Service of Thanksgiving at St John's Church. Bury St Edmunds. on Thursday May 17th at 2.30 pm. Family flowers only, but donations if wished for the West Suffolk Scanner. Appeal or 5th Scanner Appeal or Si Nicholas Hospice may be sent c/o L. Fuicher, 80 Whit-ing Street, Bury Si Edmunds,

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The days in the wilderness for Churchill were over. As he retired for the night he recollects " ... At last I had the authority to give direction over the whole scene and I was sure I should not fail. Therefore although impatient for the morning I slept soundly ...

NEW PRIME MINISTER

MR CHURCHILL ACCEPTS From Our Parliamentary Correspondent To make possible the formation of a new Government which will command the widest support in Parliament and the country Mr. Chamberlain last night had an audience of the King and tendered his resignation as Prime Minister. Churchill then accepted an invitation from the King to become Prime Minister and to form a new Administration which will include Ministers representing the Oppoaition parties ...

It is believed that Mr. Churchill will be able to count upon the full support of both the Lebour Party and the Opposition Liberals in establishing a new and more broadly based Ministry. To give the new Prime Minister full freedom of choice all other Ministers will resign, although they will retain their offices pending the appointment of the new Government. In an impressive final broadcast to the nation from 10, Downing Street, last night (printed on page 3) Mr. Chamberlain mentioned that he had been srongly pressed by Mr Churchill to remain a member of the War Cabinet, and had gladly offered

to serve in that capacity.

Mr. Chamberlain went to see the King shortly before 6pm after a meeting at 10, Downing Street of the War Cabinet, which was followed by a larger meeting of all Ministers of Cabinet rank. He remained at the Palace for about half an hour, and five minutes after he had left the King received Mr. Churchill. The German invasion of the Low Countries yesterday made it most urgently necessary in the national interest that a confused political situation

should be ended, and that a Government which would have united support should be established to lead the nation at this critical time.

The need for a new Administration in which the Opposition parties would share the responsibilities of leadership has been generally accepted, and Mr. Chamberlain's talks with Mr. Attlee and Mr. Greenwood on Thursday night, with Lord Hali-fax and Mr. Churchill present, were the first step towards achieving this object. At this meeting the Labour leaders were invited to state the conditions on which they would accept office in a reconstructed Government. They gave a prelimi-nary indication that they would accept office in a new Government, but that they could not do so with Mr Chamberlain as Prime Minister.

Yesterday morning, after news had been received of the invasion of Holland and Belgium, a meeting was held in London of the executive of the Parliamentary Labour Party.
After this meeting Mr. Attlee and
Mr. Greenwood issued the following

declaration: The Labour Party, in view of the latest The Labour Party, in view of the latest series of abominable aggressions by Hitler, while firmly convinced that a drastic reconstruction of the Government is vital and urgent, in order to win the war, reaffirms its determination to do its utmost to achieve victory. It calls upon all its members to devote all their energies to this end, and to stand firmly united through whatever trials and ascrifices may be about

The Labour leaders then left to attend the annual conference of their party at Bournemouth. A meeting of the Executive Committee of the Labour Party was held there yesterday afternoon, and a statement was afterwards issued, showing that the attitude adopted by Mr. Attlee and Mr. Greenwood, in response to Mr. Chamberlain's invitation, had been confirmed. The statement said: The national executive of the Labour Party have unanimously decided to take their share of responsibility as a full partner in a new Government, under a new

Prime Minister, which would command the confidence of the nation. Earlier in the day Mr. Chamberlain had seen Sir Archibald Sinclair, leader of the Opposition Liberals in the House of Commons. There was reason to believe that the Opposition Liberals also adopted the attitude that they wuld take part in forming a reconstructed Government under a new Prime Minister ...

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To the shareholders of **Great Nordic**

The ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING of the Company will be held on Monday 28 May 1990 at 3.30 pm at Industriens Hus, H.C. Andersens Boulevard 18,

Copenhagen, to transact the following business a. To receive and consider the report for the year ended 31 December 1989. b. To receive and adopt the annual accounts and release the Board of

Directors and the Management from liability. c. To consider and, if thought fit, pass a resolution for the distribution of the profit for the year, including the declaration of a dividend on the shares of the Company.

d. To consider and, if thought fit, pass a resolution proposed by the Board of Directors to amend the Articles of Association of the Company. The main contents of this resolution are as follows: THAT the authority of the Directors of the Company to increase the share capital be renewed for the period from the date of the

passing of this resolution and until 28 May 1995. THAT notices of the general meetings of the Company be published in Agefi in Paris instead of in Journal Official. THAT the right to vote be conditional upon registration in the register of shareholders maintained by the Company, and that shareholders who have acquired their shares by transfer be on the register not

later than three months prior to the General Meeting to be

entitled to vote at this meeting. THAT any questions relating to voting procedure be settled by the Chairman alone. To consider and, if thought fit, pass a resolution proposed by the Board of Directors to transfer an amount of DKK 293,517,000 from the

contingency reserve fund of the Company to the other reserves of the To consider and, if thought fit, pass a resolution proposed by a member that severance payment of not less than DKK 100,000, depending on length of service, be provided to every employee made redundant by the

GN Great Nordic Group between 1987 and 1990 and that a social fund be established to meet future difficult and momentous decisions. g. To consider and, if thought fit, pass a resolution proposed by a member that the Directors of the Company instruct the Company's representatives on the board of directors of GN Great Nordic Holding Ltd.

convene an extraordinary general meeting of GN Great Nordic

in such a manner that two thirds of the voting share capital represented at the general meeting may pass a resolution to amend Articles 15, 16 and 17, and arrange for the inclusion in the agenda for the general meeting of GN Great Nordic Holding Ltd. a motion to delete subarticle 3 of

instruct the chairman of the general meeting of GN Great Nordic

Holding Ltd. to interpret the articles of association of the company

Article 9, and Articles 15 and 16 and to amend subarticles 1 and 2 of Article 17. h. To consider and, if thought fit, pass a resolution proposed by the Board of Directors that the Company be entitled to acquire up to 10 per cent

of its own shares.

i. To elect the Directors of the Company.

j. To appoint two auditors for the current financial year. For the passing of the resolution set out under item d on the agenda, it is required under Article 18 of the Articles of Association that not less than one quarter of the share capital be represented at the General Meeting and that the resolution be approved by not less than two thirds of the votes cast and two thirds of the voting share capital represented at the General Meeting. In the event that the required percentage of the share capital is not represented, but where the resolution has been approved by the above-mentioned qualified majority of votes, the resolution may, however, be finally passed at a new general meeting convened for the transaction of this business by the said qualified majority, irrespective of the percentage of the share capital represented at the general meeting. From Friday 18 May 1990 the agenda and the full and complete resolutions to be proposed at the General Meeting, as well as the annual accounts and consolidated accounts provided with the Auditors' Report and the Directors' Report will be available for inspection by the shareholders at the Company's office at Kongens Nytory 26, second floor, as well as in London and Paris, and not later than eight days prior to the General

Meeting the said material will be posted to any shareholder on the Company's register to the address stated to the Company. Admission cards will be available from the Company's office on all weekdays (excluding Saturdays) between 10.00 am and 4.00 pm until five days prior to the General Meeting upon presentation of an original statement of account issued by the account-holding bank, dated 16 May 1990.

Copenhagen, May 1990 The Board of Directors

ARTS

John Russell Taylor finds contemporary British sculpture full of references to, and influences of, the past

Continuity, not conformity

ime was when the con-tent of a show of new British sculpture would have held few surprises. There would probably have been something like the work of David Thompson and Lisa Delarny, who are exhibiting along with Robert Tegg, a specialist photographer of sculpture, at the Morley Gallery, London SEI (071-928 8501), until May 17, in a touring show called The Human Image as Sculpture. Thompson is primarily a carver, easing traditionally conceived human forms out of the living stone with considerable skill; Delarny is primarily a modeller, converting human form into elegant, slightly Deco bronze reliefs or free-standing figures and groups. There is little about their work which would have seemed out of line 50 years ago.

But they are not mindless traditionalists. Thompson (born 1939) spent most of his working life on abstraction, and only recently reverted to the styles of sculpture he learned at art school. Delarny (born 1965) is obviously at an age where she takes pluralism as her natural right she can, without too much heart-searching, sculpt in any style she likes.

The only other thing to be said about them is that they are both very good at what they are now doing. No doubt their confidence is further bolstered by the reappearance in the last few years of a number of other sculptors who find satisfaction (and presumably purchasers) in developing styles that bark back to before the revolution wrought in British sculpture by Henry Moore and Barbara Hepworth — let alone any of the more recent revolutions.

We have already got used to Glyn Williams, an unmistakable disciple of Epstein as well as one of the coming men. But it still administers a shock to the system to encounter, unprepared, the new "In Defence of Liberty" memorial by Eric Stanford, unveiled last Saturday in Reading Civic Centre.

The basic premise of the me-morial is a trifle bizarre in 1990: a commemoration of the three Reading men who died in Spain during the Civil War as members of the International Brigade. Even the Valley of the Fallen is now a memorial to all those who died in the Spanish Civil War.

The style chosen for the sculp-ture is almost exactly what Epstein

GALLERIES

might have come up with had he been commissioned in 1939: it is a two-sided relief with a mourning mother holding a dead child on one side and a profile of the three dead soldiers on the other, all carved in Portland stone. Even with a slight sense of time-warp, it

Post-Modernism or no, not all of our younger sculptors have turned the clock back so uncompromisingly. Kim Lin, showing at the Waddington Galleries, London W1 (071-437 8611), until May 19, persists in the kind of carved abstraction David Thompson has recently forsaken. This is a move back towards a kind of formality not so visible in her earlier work: these works are very definitely part of the only slightly more modern tradition initiated by Barbara Hepworth. They are exquisitely crafted and make the most of the least, the minute distinctions of surface curve and the tiniest incisions, which somehow suggest that these rocks of ages have sometimes been cleft for us, sometimes simply left for wind and water to do their slow work.

Zadok Ben David, Neil Jeffries and Cathy de Monchaux all

ities inherent in pluralism to the full, Zadok Ben David, showing at the Benjamin Rhodes Gallery. London W1 (071-434 1768), until June 2, has been making his own way for some time, consistent yet quite unpredictable in the way he has developed. His sculptures have been getting noticeably lighter and lighter in weight (physical weight, that is, not

psychological).

Most of the work he showed in the Israeli pavilion of the Venice Biennale two years ago was concerned with solid silhouette: forms cut out of metal rather as the silhouette portrait artist would cut out of black paper. His new pieces are even less substantial: drawings in the air, they twist and fuse slim bands of metal into shapes in-spired by magnetic fields, or wittily construct what one expects to be two-dimensional diagrams in three. The show is elegant and inventive, and the news that Ben David is moving towards an increased use of lights, shadows and moving parts is intriguing.

Neil Jeffries has always been, in a very different sense, a sculptural cartoonist. His show at Flowers-East, London N8 (081-985 3333), until May 27, does not perhaps add anything new to his box of ● John Russell Taylor's choice of other London shows

UNASHAMED: In exchange for lending viewstributes: in expension of the recent velazquez show at the Prado, the National Gallery now has on loan Goya's Naked and Clothed Majas. (071 839 3321) until July 1.

FREE-FORM: Many German artists now in their sattles or seventies were deeply affected by Abstract Expressionsm, Action Painting and such. "The Art of German Drawing" is at the Goethe Institute (071-581 3344) until June 15.

Jeffries' characteristic form is

the construction of strange little

such concerns get them down. It is unmistakably Jeffries' world, and

he is perfect master of it. Cathy de Monchaux also has something definitely but indefin-

curious fetishes.

FROM THE NORTH: Several working-class realists worth another look in "A Northern School", an exhibition of 20th-century Lancashire art, Boundary Gellery (081-624 1126) until May 25.

WAR WORK: Mervyn Peake was belatedly enrolled as a War Artist during the Second World War. The imagery of the pictures of glass-blowing he then produced is haunting and unmistakably his. Imperial War Museum (071-735 8922) until September 16. (071-436 2300), until June 9. continue the general thrust of her

work, though they are perhaps less redolent of the pleasures of the torture-chamber than before. scenes, usually involving at least one human character, out of cut, bent and oil-painted metal. The There is still a feeling, left over subject-matter is often left obscure: his grotesque little men, usually naked, seem at odds with from the slightly earlier sculptures made of red velvet and high-tech metal arranged to suggest teeth and claws, that she is concerned themselves and their environment, making love to themselves with dangerous cavities to be entered only at one's peril. But this (perhaps faute de mieux) or paying their devotions to all sorts of time there is a new cool about her They possibly wonder how they work: it is becoming crisp rather than fierce, and may eventually came to mislay vital parts of themsoften into recognizable human-ity. On the other hand, it would be selves, but apparently do not let

> And then, at last, there is a West End show by the great guru of recent British sculpture, Eduardo Paolozzi. The collection of sculptures and prints and collages at the Scottish Gallery, London W1 (071-287 2121), until May 26, is his first such for many years, and is by way of being a mini-

unwise to hold one's breath until it

retrospective. The work is fascinating in its variety and its consistency: think of a technique or stylistic approach recently popular with young sculptors, and Paolozzi has already tried it out. He is the great virtuoso of the found object, able to turn displays from museum collections like the Museum of Mankind's "Lost Magic King-doms and Six Paper Moons" or the current "Arche Noah", an enchantingly idiomatic re-use of puppets in the Münchner Stadtmuseum, into artworks of his own while fully respecting their original nature.

His sculptures proper are compiled from or inspired by a very diverse assortment of previous artworks or mass-produced objects, and yet they are always instantly recognizable. True, he has not made any stone-carvings recently, but one would put nothing altogether beyond his capa-



David Thompson's "The Swimmer", on show at the Morley Gallery, Loadon SE1

Berenice (Lindsay Duncan) and Antiochus (David Haig)

ligers too tame

THEATRE Benedict Nightingale

Berenice

Cottesloe

IN THE preface to his translation of Berenice Neil Bartlett quotes the director of this revival, Tim Albery, as saying that the play "reminded him of seeing a tiger in London Zoo". Just so. Desire wars with duty, passion tries to subvert reason, the human animal snarfs in frustration at the bars. This is Racine's warning to the sophisticated civilization of 1670, and maybe to our own too.

A pity, then, that some 200keeper seems to have shot tranquillizer into the National's tiger population. The cast has its intense moments; it occasionally shakes into life; but often there is something glassy, trancelike about its cage behaviour.

True, Racine is notoriously hard to translate and stage. What is the right style for those princelings, standing in their anonymous anterooms and spouting their lovelorn rhymes? Well, Bartlett's text differs from most English versions in recreating the six-foot "alexandrine" metre of the original. He is freer than Racine with ou- or near-rhymes, a bit colloquial at times, and annoyingly apt to split infinitives, but the result seems accurate and speakable.

Again, Antony McDonald's anteroom is somewhat surreal as anterooms go. It is a white box with chandeliers at ground fevel and a blue carpet through which a statue's head sprouts like a grey tulip. It is a place in which a Roman emperor can wear black

jersey beneath flowing purple velvet. But its oddness hardly explains why we sometimes feel we are watching a neo-classical Brief Encounter.

All right, the story does have affinities with Coward's film. Owen Teale's Titus, Vespasian's successor, realizes he cannot marry the barbarian queen, Lindsay Dun-can's Berenice. After torment galore he renounces her, she accepts his sacrifice, and David Haig's Antiochus, who also adores her, more silently, joins in the selfdenial. Abandoning murder and suicide, Racine finds tragedy in anguished stoicism, a Roman stiff

Yet torment, anguish, tragedy are still wanted, and missing here. All three principals opt for what is meant to be quiet intensity, but is generally too quiet and not quite intense enough. True, Duncan reacts to the news of Titus's rejection by running across the stage to grab poor innocent Antiochus, then hobbles off in plausible pain. But the moment passes. Pale-faced disquiet re-establishes itself. Duncan as she is described, practically dying, "screaming and asking for a knife and poison", is

It could be different. There is an antique recording of Bernhardt's Phèdre, in which her strange, crooning voice rises to a sepulchrai shriek, a spectral wail from her doomed love; and Bernhardt was considered soft after the feral.

ferocious Rachel. English actors should not be intimidated by Racine's super-ficial artificialities into being, well, English. A lot of lugubrious whispering is no substitute for what is really needed: a feeling of

iust not the Duncan we have seen. another world, as she confronts

having been harpooned in the trousers and a yellow polo-necked

TELEVISION

Sheridan Morley

SOMETHING went horribly wrong with the last in the current Hypotheticals series (made by Granada for BBC 2) last night, and it was due to the very confusion and trivialization of television aims and standards which the show was there to examine. Earlier in the week, the programme had stuck to the triedand-true American format of Harvard law professors targeting a specific ethical problem and following it through a precisely scripted scenario to a logical end. The subjects were, on Sunday, invasion of privacy by the Press and on Tuesday, government secret-leaking.

Last night's debate, however, abandoned those guidelines and brought in an English QC moderator (Geoffrey Robertson) who desperately lacked the unobtrusive ice-cool qualities of his American predecessors. Then it tried to consider a number of different issues involving television's future in the free-market economy after 1992.

Having departed from the tight original format to such an extent that game-show elements were superimposed on its opening and closing moments, the programme never settled on a single central issue. It became an overcrowded and miscast panel discussion, in which there were self-cancelling answers to a question that nobody

could quite remember. The panellists had to ask Robertson repeatedly what role on behalf of which mythical tele conglomerate. It was only when Tom Mangold was allowed to deal specifically with one issue - how ethically correct it may be to break the law demanding the passing of untransmitted television material to the police - that we began to see how this programme should

have been plotted and developed. It is usually true that television debates are at their worst when debating television, as anybody who has ever been to an Edinburgh TV Festival will testify. Hypotheticals, however, deserves better than this. If it is to return for another series, then its makers must go back to the original American tapes for clarification.

This Week (ITV) produced a profile of Neil Kinnock which, apart from Woodrow Wyatt's criticism, had the soft-focus look of a Labour Party political broadcast, but seemed to have been conceived either as an introduction or a standby profile for the night after an election victory. It managed in that sense to be simultaneously overdue and premature, a film about a dark horse which has been running in broad daylight for several years.

GREAT ENTERTAINMENT

... THE VERY BEST"

A knock-down is nigh

Is the fine art market about to suffer one of its periodic collapses? Sarah Jane Checkland looks at the evidence that the Japanese and

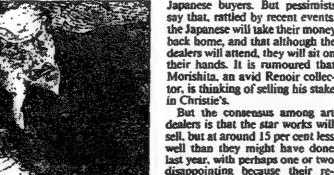
other big-spenders are buying less and choosing more cautiously

Text week will see "one of the last chances to buy great Impressionist paintings", according to Sotheby's New York expert, David Nash, Two great Van Gogh portraits are on offer. One, of the artist's homeonathic doctor, Dr Gachet, is estimated at £22 million, while Renoir's ravishing "La Moulin de la Galette" has a price tag of £30

million-plus. However, judging from the cracks lately appearing in this euphoric market, Nash's predictions could founder. If, as some expect, the Impressionist market crashes, there will be much cheaper Renoirs and Van Goghs around. As the auction houses and art investors face the most nervewracking build-up ever to a series of Impressionist sales, bookmakers should start taking bets on

the likely prices.

This time last year, prices were leaning unwards. At Sotheby's 12 records were broken, for artists such as Gauguin, Cézanne, Kandinsky, and Magritte. Auctioneers predicted the "\$100 million picture". The market was fuelled by Japanese buyers who made world headlines by paying £24 million for Van Gogh's "Sunflowers" in 1986, setting the world record for a work of art. Last December, Picasso's "Les Noces de Pierrette" was sold to the Japanese for \$51.6 million (around £30 million). Dealers buying on behalf of private Japanese customers conveniently took up the slack, acquiring scores of



Van Gogh portrait to be so'd in New York next week: "Dr Gachet"

ers, and the prices they have paid. Shigeki Kamayama, of the strangely named Mountain Tortoise company, made the headlines in New York last November when he bought a major De Kooning (£13 million) and Pi-casso (£22 million), only for the news to leak out subsequently that he could not afford to pay.

Nash confirms that he played debt-collector, travelling to Japan to make a selection of works from Kamayama's collection. As many as 18 are understood to be competing against the fresher goods on offer in New York next week. These will be shunned by the trade, whose opinion is that they are "blighted".

In another bizarre episode, the director of the Nippon Autopolis hour before the sale took place. between Paris and Tokyo, was not negotiated beforehand. He did

Japanese buyers. But nessimists say that, rattled by recent events, the Japanese will take their money hack home, and that although the dealers will attend, they will sit on their hands. It is rumoured that Morishita, an avid Renoir collector, is thinking of selling his stake

dealers is that the star works will sell, but at around 15 per cent less well than they might have done last year, with perhaps one or two disappointing because their reserves are too high. Nobody holds out much hope for the middle market, which was shunned by the April buyers in London.

Meanwhile, a group of London dealers is preparing to take Tokyo by storm on May 23, with "Antiques Tokyo 90", the first European art and antiques fair to take place in the city. They hope that their presence and prices (thought to be about one-third of what Japanese dealers charge) will mean a swift exercise in undercutting.

However, rivals who have taken the trouble to undergo the timeconsuming ritual of personal introductions into this painfully discreet culture believe that the venture will flop, and that the only compensation will be the opportu nity to attend the Tokyo Derby.

This fair will see a revolution of another kind: the introduction of a hi-tech communications system by the London company, Lazer Communications and the Japa-nese Mitsui, which will transmit to

Suk to be sought out CONCERT

David Fallows

RLPO/Pešek Philharmonic Hall, Liverpool

THE books say that Josef Suk is famous mainly as Dvorák's sonin-law, though many know him first as the grandfather of a wonderful violinist with the same name. That his compositions are so little known in Britain can be explained only as one of those unhappy accidents: if there is room for only one 20th-century Czech composer in the national cultural consciousness, that composer is rightly Janaček.

But a first reaction to Suk's massive tone-poem The Ripening, of 1912-17, is that we are thereby being cheated of something important. It would be quite wrong to hear this as a kind of Straussout-of-Mahler, though it is easy to see how that characterization arose. There is an astringent opulence to the writing here that is entirely individual, and he makes astonishingly economical and muscular use of a large orchestra with women's chorus.

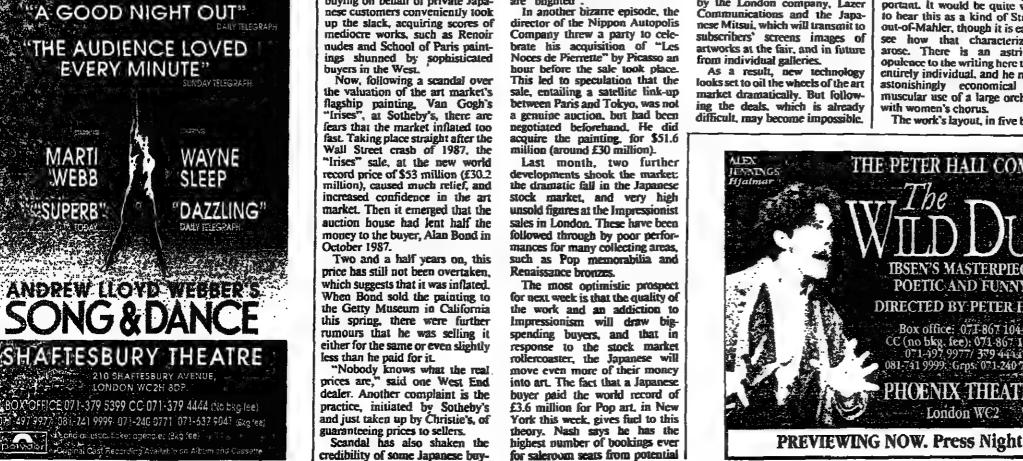
sections, is wonderfully articulated and there is very little here to suggest Czech nationality. It stands squarely in the main European tradition and plainly de-

serves a place there. Yet again, Libor Peśek's advocacy of an undeservedly neglected piece marks the importance of what he is doing as music director at Liverpool. The orchestra played gloriously, as though the piece had been in its repertory for years and as though intended to stay there -as well it should. And, as an example of inventive programme planning, Pesck preceded it with an earlier choral song by Suk, for women's voices, that contains material later re-worked in The Ripening.

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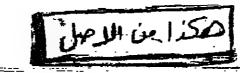
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The RLPO closed an extremely successful series of Wednesday concerts with a more famous 20thcentury Czech piece, Janaćek's Glagolitic Mass. The main soloists. Julie Kennard and John Mitchinson, sang with rich tone and well-flavoured individuality. ably supported by Meriel Dickinson and Michael George; the Liverpool Philharmonic Choir showed an admirably idiomatic forthrightness in what remains difficult music; and the orchestra's energetic playing fully reflected its confidence in Libor Pesek and all that he represents



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ROCK

No Glitter at the ball

'Has-been' rock bands are still the main attraction at

summer balls. says John Stock

uster Bloodvessel has good reason to be cheerful. The 21-stone frontman of Bad Manners, who last had a hit back in 1982, with "My Girl Lollipop", is looking forward to another busy summer playing to packed audiences up and down the country. It is all part of the rock world's. private pension scheme. Faced with oblivion after a handful of hits, more and more bands are viewing the university summer ball circuit as a relatively happy form of retirement.

This summer, groups such as Showaddywaddy, Desmond Dekker, Edwin Start, Suzi Quatro, Sweet, Imagination, The Bootleg Beatles, Ruby Turner, Katrina and The Waves, and of course, Bad Manners, will dominate the line-ups of the big college balls. On the surface, it is nothing short of a musical crisis. After all, Showaddywaddy's 1976 hit, "Under the Moon of Love", is no longer where things are at, musically.

found space in their schedules for a summer ball or two. Even The Rolling Stones played at Mag-dalen College, Oxford, in 1964, just after achieving their first number-one album. So why are today's summer balls attracting

groups on the way down?

Mike Malley has been booking bands on the ball circuit for 12 years. "Playing a summer ball is not exactly seen as a career move these days," he says. "Ten years ago, it was no problem booking fashionable groups. Most of to-day's bands don't like playing at such élitist events; some balls also have a reputation for not looking after bands well."

It is true that someone who has spent three years training to be a dental surgeon might not be the best person to deal with a roadie who's lost his six-way-on-stagefoldback-mix. Keith Naisbitt of Wasted Talent, an agency which represents bands such as U2, the Eurythmics and Simple Minds, explains: "People forget that the music industry is just that, an industry. Putting on a major act these days is a complicated job. "I could never see U2 playing a

summer ball. Besides, to play at a one-off event, they would have to believe in the cause." In the radical-chic stakes, Nelson Mandela clearly has the edge on most summer balls.

One man who will be sorely missed this summer is Gary Glitter. He may not command the the news is that he is having a go. Boosted in part, perhaps, by the fame that follows appearances on the British Rail posters, the doyen of the student circuit has managed to outprice himself.

The fees which the top end of the has-been market command for one appearance vary between £1,000 and £4,000. Desmond Dekker costs £1,250, Bootleg Beatles £1,500, Bad Manners up to £2,000, Showaddywaddy and Ed-win Starr around £2,500, and Suzi Quatro £4,000. Two years ago, Gary Glitter was nudging £3,000. This year he has upped his fee to £10,000. As yet, no one has booked him for a ball.

The growing popularity of "has-

been" bands reflects a fundamental change in the musical requirements of summer balls. Anna Baldwin is social secretary of the Students Union at Nottingham University, where there are a number of halls-of-residence parties this summer. "We do try to mix in some new bands - last year we hired Del Amitri, who were great - but you have to remember that most people are going to be drunk; they're not interested in listening to 'good' music. This year the halls have gone for older bands, who are better at creating a party atmosphere. We've got Showaddy-

waddy playing." The old troupers know what is required - a lesson which some and just has a good time."

slow to learn. In the early Eighties, fashionable acts such as The Damned, Elvis Costello, and later, The Housemartins and The Pogues were hired, often with disastrous results. If the music was not laden with politics, it was slow and "important"; either way, it was difficult to dance to.

The Damned, who felt particularly uncomfortable playing to bow-ties and taffeta, spent the entire time trading insults with the andience. (The Rolling Stones had done the same 20 years earlier. Ten minutes of abusing the "privileged" Magdalen audience was followed by 50 minutes of playing, before they stoned abstrately.) before they stopped abruptly.)
Gary Glitter's credentials, then, make him perfect summer ball material. He is friendly, he has not had a Top 40 hit since 1975 ("Doing Alright with the Boys" reached number six); and most people can chant and dance along to at least three of his sones: "Rock 'n' Roll Part II", "I'm the Leader of The Gang (I Am)" and

As, however, he is (perhaps temporarily) out of the reach of most entertainment budgets, the final word goes to Buster. So far, he has been booked for three Oxbridge balls this summer, and for one of London's many hospital balls. "People have their gripes about summer balls, but I love 'em. Everyone forgets about class

"I Love You Love Me Love".



Gary Glitter: Expensive, but perfect summer ball material

Bittersweet romanticism and a City built on hardcore

ROCK ALBUMS

David Toop

John Zorn: Naked City (Elektra/Nonesuch 7559-79238-2)

NAKED City, the quintet led by New York saxophonist John Zorn, is an enthralling live experience. Rarely does a group of musicians approach such bizarre and extreme contrasts of repertoire with their virtuosity, aggressive enthusiasm and attention to detail.

On this, the first album by the group, a brooding version of Johnny Mandel's theme for the 1958 Robert Wise film. I Want To Live, is followed by a straightahead R'n'B-flavoured treatment of Omette Coleman's "Lonely Woman". Eight tracks then flash by in rapid succession, none lasting more than 38 seconds. Sporting titles like "Demon Sanc-

tuary", "Obeah Man", and "Blood Duster", they are ultracompact homages to that equally eruptively ultra-compact form of heavy metal known as thrash or hardcore. Then comes an eerie, metallic introduction, leading into the theme from Chinatown. Like Gerry Goldsmith's music to the film, the Naked City version conveys a mood of perverted,

billersweet roomanticisto. With each individual composition, commitment is total. No attempt is made to ease the disparity of emotions and clash of musical styles. Zorn's music has been praised and damped with a fair range of descriptions, including post-modernist, intellectual posing and muzak for yuppies. Such a wealth of critical invective says very little about the overall effect of the group, which, as their name suggests, could be compared to the nature of cities. Old, new, ugly and beautiful all co-exist in a dynamic, barely contained whole.

"Obeah Man", and Amina: Yalii (Philips 838809-1)

Being a Svengali of hi-tech World Music experiments is not without its pitfalls. French producer Martin Meissonnier has already managed to alienate King Sunny Ade from his Nigerian fans, and his contributions to an album by Algerian rai star Cheb Khaled

caused outrage in Oran.

Now he has found a lessestablished artist to work with, in the shape of Tunisian-born Amina. Known to her friends as the "disorientated Oriental", Amina sings the way she is photographed, inviting suspect cliches about dusky Arabic beauties, but holds her own against Meissonnier's seductive global patchwork.

Suspicion lingers, however. For some years, the French music industry has been in search of a female singer from the Arab world. Is this a genuine desire to infiltrate the pop world with faces

that do not fit the accepted requirements, or are there murkier

desires and fantasies afoot? Despite a wealth of engaging ornamentation, this is music that slips easily from the memory.

Davy Spillane: Shadow Hunter (Cooking Vinyl COOK(130)

Celtic ambient music, for want of a better descriptive phrase, has been exerting a powerful influence during the last few years, airly wafting through television commercials and pop records.

Davy Spillane is a highly expressive performer on the Irish Uillean pipes and low whistle, and has added coloration to the work of Kate Bush, Enya and Chris Rea, among others, "Carron Streams" (originally recorded for a Val Doonican series, which proves that the roots music scene does not lack the common touch). "Walker of the Snow" and "Journeys of a Dreamer" all have the atmosphere of misty mornings.

There are more robust songs on the album which gentle souls may find abrasive, but the converse may apply, and others could find the Val Doonican association too

The Pretendent: Packed (WEA 9031-71403-2)

It was all over for guitars in the last decade, as musical messages travelled across electronic interfaces without human interference. Currently, however, guitars are humming and screaming louder than ever, and nowhere more so than on Packed, the fifth Pretenders album in an illustrious 10-year career. Whatever has happened in the four-year period since Get Close, it does not seem to have affected Chrissie Hynde sufficiently for her to revise her ideas

about song writing. Pretenders' fans will not feel short-changed, though, since her singing still carries its familiar feeling and conviction.

Muzalcis: Blues for Transylvania (Hannibal HNCD 1350)

The effort this five-piece group from Budapest has expended in keeping alive the music of Transylvania has acquired a new resonance with the Reverend Laszlo Kovacs' recent warning against the spread of nationalism in Romania and its threat to the Hungarian minority. This is folklore with a purpose, and the involvement of Muzsicas in the Romanian revolution should give their forthcoming British tour a greater relevance than the usual acts on the World Music circuit. Luckily, since political topical-

ity is not an accurate gauge of artistic worth, their music is very appealing. The opening track, in particular, the haunting piece called "Old Song from Somogy", will have a familiar ring to lovers of Indian music, medieval music and, indeed, Celtic ambient WEEKEND GIGS

Compiled by David Toop and Rose Rouse

TOUMANI DIABATE: This young kora player from Mail has a sparkling, individual style which is accessible and pleasurable.
West Indian Centre Laycock
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Sediar's Wells Rosebery Avenue,
London EC1 (071-278 8915) tonight
until May 19, 7.30pm, £4-£16.
Matinee tomorrow at 2.30pm.

BILLY BRAGO: Plugging his new album, with its earnest versions of "The Internationale", "The Red Flag" and "Jerusalem". Cardiff University Park Place, (0222 396421) tonight. 8pm, 25. Town & Country Club Highgate Road, London NWS (071-284 0303) Monday, 7.30pm, £6.

RHYTHM SISTERS: Female duo from Leeds whose clever songs prompted critical acclaim a couple of years ago. Willesden Library Willesden Green, London NW10 (081-451 0294) today, 8.30pm, 25.50.

WORLD PARTY: Four years ago, this motley crew released a brilliant album, "Private Revolution", which mysteriously disappeared from the charts. Led by ex-Waterboy Karl Wallinger, they're obsessed with the well-being of the environment and write intelligent party songs. Hackney Empire 291 Mare Street, London E8 (081-985 4684), Sunday, 7,30om, E8,60. Sunday, 7.30pm, £8.50.

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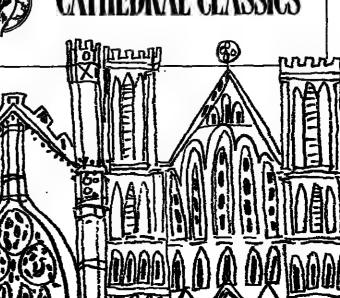
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The people who bear the cross

When disaster strikes, the Red Cross comes into its own, giving physical and mental aid to the victims and bereaved. Alan Franks reports

he British Red Cross did not want it to happen this way, but the terrible chronicle of crashes and catastrophes in the past three years has given the emergency relief organization its highest public profile in a history of 120 years.

Now it one of the most sought-after sources of practical guidance in both the immediate and longer-term aftermath of sudden tragedy and hereavement. After the Shack-leton air crash last week, the commander of RAF Lossiemouth requested stocks of Coping With Crisis, the agency's leaflet, which has filled a yawning gap in the literature of mental and physical survival. Publication of the leaflet had itself been rushed forward last year in the wake of the terrorist bombing at Deal barracks on September 22.

"We are getting countless in-quiries from bereaved people," the agency says, "and not only from those who are affected by disasters. There has been an alarming shortage of practical advice in the past. It is ironic that it should take all these disasters to set that right."

Because of the nature of its work, the organization's prominence has risen and fallen with the random cycle of disaster. Once the immediate relief and welfare operation is completed, it recedes into the backwater of the English voluntary sector. Yet the fact is that for months, and even years, after the event its work remains of vital need

to the afflicted community.

Nowhere is this truer than in the Scottish town of Lockerbie, where Il residents were among the 270 who died as a result of the bombing of Pan Am flight 103 in December 1988. Next month, 200 relatives of the passengers are expected in the town for the unveiling of a memorial, and the Red Cross is bearing some of the burden of co-ordinating the visit with the local hoteliers.

No one in Lockerbie begrudges the Americans their right to come. It is just that the town has had to live with the disaster more or less permanently in the intervening 17 months. And some of the Americans keep coming back. A year after the tragedy, a few of them wanted to stand at the precise spot in the town or the surrounding fields where their relative had fallen, at the precise time of day, 7.03pm, that the explosion had occurred.

"I can see that they need to do all that," says one resident with a house not far from Sherwood Crescent, where three houses were obliterated by the falling debris. "I can understand that they need to have a clear picture of where the deaths hap-pened. But it is different for us. We live here all the time; we know only too well what took place that night, with everything on fire in these streets, and we often feel we have

The Red Cross is also planning to attend each session of the Fatal Accident Inquiry Board, which will examine individual cases and assess levels of compensation. The board's work is expected to last for several months, and involve about 200

"The work goes on," says Dr Alistair Cameron, director of the Dumfries branch of the Red Cross. "But we do not hold sessions as such. It is a matter of allowing people to talk about what has happened; and that includes people who would not like to admit that they need to talk, let alone ... counselling."

There is a long pause before that dread word, as though he is familiar with its capacity to enrage. Like his namesake from *Dr Finlay's Casebook*, he has spent a working lifetime in general practice, retiring just five months before the disaster but still retaining an active role in the Red Cross. His wife is also a veteran of the movement. Her first involvement came during the Second World Way when the helped to ond World War, when she helped to treat casualties of the Blitz at

"The people whom we have helped in the course of the year since the tragedy are the ones who have come to talk," Dr Cameron says. "They don't say, 'I really need help', or anything like that, because they may not see it in that way. Once they have started to talk, it all comes out. That's when you really comes out. That's when you really hear what the problems are. And my goodness, you do hear it all. That is often the greatest contribution we

entirely dependent, are increasing by about 8 per cent a year. This Scotland and Wales, with a total of



Lockerbie remembers: next month, the Red Cross will help to guide the American relatives of the dead

100,000 volunteers, will have raised nearly a third of its annual income. In the course of a year it issues some 50,000 first-aid certificates to exam candidates, 35,000 of which are in companies subject to the 1981 First Aid at Work Regulations, and trains a further 26,000 in non-certificated basic first aid.

Despite its present civil applications, the agency started life as the National Society for Aid to the Sick ded in War, the initiative

Henry Dunant, who in 1862 had expressed his alarm at the lack of medical attention given to soldiers wounded in the battle of Solferino, between the Austrians and the French and Italians.

The present profile of the branch volunteer remains as diverse as ever, and Dr Cameron counts millionaires as well as recipients of income support among his

of a 31-year-old businessman, the work varies enormously," he

says. "Some will put in about two or three hours a week, while others never seem to stop, nor indeed to want to stop - so much so that you have to be on your guard all the time against the dangers of burn-out.

"The training has become infinitely more sophisticated. Not so long ago, if we needed to make up a splint we would have to use a copy of The Scotsman, whereas now we "The time which they spend on material. But in the end, a large part

The wit behind the name game

Nicknames can be a delight or hurtful, but, as a new book declares, everyone who is anyone should have one

sha (she who must be obeyed), the Blessed Margaret, the Iron
The real-life models for the the Blessed Margaret, the Iron Rhoda the Rhino, Snobby Roberts, the Westminster corded to the Prime Minister, and cited by Basil Freestone, compiler of the newly pub-lished Harrap Book of

Indeed, Margaret ("milk-snatcher") Thatcher has more entries than anyone else. The book runs to 5,000 entries and proves that nicknames are as

"Of all eloquence a nickname is the most concise, of all arguments the most un-answerable," the essayist William Hazlitt remarked. And the best nicknames do reveal a certain pertinence that consis-

Etymologically, the nick-name comes from the old English ekename, an addi-tional name. Originally that meant a descriptive name, as in "Long Shanks", "The Bastard", or even (sycophantically) "Coeur de Lion". It is arguable that surnames (the first list appeared in 1159), are a form of nickname — Black meaning black-haired, White pale-complexioned.

Nicknames fall into predictable categories. There are the affectionate - "Monty", "Dicky", and "Maggie".
There is the adulatory — The
Boss" (Bruce Springsteen) or
"Big Brain" (Brendan Foster).

But much more likely is the disrespectful or mocking -"Tarzan" (Michael Heseltine), "Guy the Gorilla" (lan Botham) and the "Iron Lady", a term that may be seen as complimentary but whose coiner, a Russian journalist, was hardly a Thatcherite.

There are even inevitable. nicknames, automatic companions to a surname: "Dusty" Miller, "Chalky" White, and "Agony" Payne.

Nicknames flourish best in a closed, or at least definable world. Schools, sports teams, the services and clubs of all sorts all represent the slightly claustrophobic world that creates the kind of intimacy in

The best home of nicknames, albeit fictional, is P. G. Wodehouse's Drones Club. Here one sees the nickname in all its glory. "Bertie" diminutive, as is "Gussy" Fink-Nottle, but we can find

hat do the following the affectionate ("Bingo" Lit-have in common? tle), the descriptive ("Barmy" Atilla the Hen, Aye- Fotheringay-Phipps), and the

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Lady, the Plutonium Blonde. Drones - the determinedly self-indulgent members of the 19th century Pelican Club -Ripper. They are, of course, some of the nicknames ac-nicknamery. "Catsmeat" Potter-Pirbright may have been a figment of Wodehouse's imagination, but "Master Pitcher", "Shifter" and the Pitcher", "Shifter" and the "Dwarf of Blood" were all flesh and blood adornments of 1890s London.

It is a mistake to confuse a nickname with an honorific. But Mr Freestone thinks otherwise, and his pages are filled with such individuals as "the Father of Management Education" (Joseph Whaton), "the Napoleon of the Trotting Tusf" (Hiram Woodruff), and "the British Pussyfoot" (Sir Wilfred Lawson) - individuals who, in fairness, are hardly known by their real names, let alone the sobriquet.

Indeed, the one occasion on which "father" really is a nickname is "Farve", which is what the Mitford girls called

Ticknames have to come from some-where, even if the process is artificial. It may well be that plenty of people around Chicago knew Al Capone as "Scarface" (behind his back), and New York's Benjamin Siegel as "Bugsie", but what of Paul "The Waiter" Ricca, Roger "The Terrible" Tuohy, and Murray "the Camel" Humphreys? This is Damon Runyon territory, and maybe it is not coincidental that journalist Jake Lingle, who revelled in creating such names in the Chicago Tribune, was finally himself gunned down.

The Press is a prime coiner of nicknames; none more so than Private Eye. Its pages can be an obstacle course to the be an obstacle course to the uninformed as the "Gets-muchworse" (the Daily Express) and the "Indescribablyboring" (The Independent) mingle with "Mogadon Man" (Sir Geoffrey Howe), "Smoothischess" (Coeffrey Howe), "Smoothiechops" (Cecil Parkinson) and "Cap'n Bob" (Rob-

Nicknames can delight, and nicknames can hurt. But apparently it is better to have one than not. As the Chinese proverb has it: "If a man has no nickname, he never

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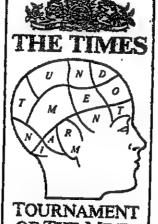
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Persevering: Asoka Chakrabarti and Gareth Bushill, aged 16, two of the final 13

along the road in March; 13 will reach the end of it on Monday, in a closed room in London. Just one of those 13 will come out as winner of this year's Tournament of the Mind, which has teased contestants' intellects and tested the patience of their families for the last 10

The annual contest in ingenuity and deviousness has attracted more entries this year than last. About 8,500 Britain and from every part of the globe within reach of copies of The Times, the Rani Jackson, who en-Collins English Dictionary couraged a team from the and the Encyclopaedia Britannica - which between them contained all the questions and all the answers (set by Mensa, the society for people with high IQs). School teams from Cyprus and Kuwait were among those in the final

The school section has been won by a team with an average age of not quite 12, from Cheadle Hulme School, Cheshire. The team has won for its school a Hewlett Packard computer and a commemorative plaque. Cheadle Hulme is still on course to pull off a double victory: one of the five members of its team entry has also won his way separately to that closed room where the individual finals will be fought out on Monday. He is Gareth Bushill, aged 16, working for his A levels in Physics, Chemistry. Maths and Further

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housands started out reach the individual finals - in the final rounds and won in 1989 a 14-year-old man- through to Monday's timed

aged to do so.
"It has not been as serious a diversion from A levels as you might think," Gareth says. "I do not sit the exams until next year. I enjoyed the tournament, but I took it as all part of the day's work, and it has not been a major distraction -

at least, I hope not." Gareth was the only sixthformer in a team of fourthyear pupils aged 10 and 11, and was roped in because he was working as a helper in one mathematics teacher Mrs couraged a team from the school to enter.

"I used the questions as part of the classroom work in two maths classes," Mrs Jackson says. "I invited four children who were good at maths to form a team - three girls and a boy. Gareth helped them, but they were all working the problems out for themselves. In one question, Gareth got the wrong answer at first and all the others got it right."

Mrs Jackson chose the Nicola Watt, aged 10, to be its captain. "It was good fun," Nicola says. "I liked the maths and logic questions best. Gareth helped us when we didn't understand the questions. We all had a go at everything - we'd do it for homework and then compare our answers.'

The Cheadle Hulme team seems to have made less heavy weather of the tournament Maths. He is not the first than some of the 13 adults teenager nor the youngest to who achieved the best scores not have a "super-final"

individual final. The winner will receive £5,000. a trophy based on Rodin's The Thinker and a special certificate - the other finalists will receive £250 and a certificate. Some of share Gareth's view that the tournament has involved more pleasure than pain. For some, the time-consuming effort to track down obscure facts and even more obscure

almost taken over their lives. Originally it was pleasure, but then it got to the point where I said to myself: 'Now I've got so far, I've got to continue'," says Asoka Chakrabarti, who works as a commodities trader in London, and who was trying his hand at the tournament for

processes of ratiocination has

the first time.
"The last fortnight has been extraordinarily tense - so much so that my family were thinking of writing to The Times to complain of extreme mental cruelty." Peter Fowler, of Reading, Berkshire, says. "But at least they'll be pleased team's youngest member, to know it was all worth

Several finalists are apprehensive about the one aspect of the final where Gareth may find himself more experienced than his seniors. "It is many years since I sat an exam. I am not expecting to do well under exam conditions," Andrew Johnston of Congleton, Cheshire, says. Mr Johnston was the individual winner of last year's Tour-nament of the Mind, "We did

played against the clock. I am

People do find it hard to let o, once they have been grappling with such challenges as the 1,000 stacks of dubiously genuine 10p pieces. clubs running towards each other, and the drawers filled

The finalists competing in the timed play-off are:

Peter Fowler, Tippings Lane, Woodley, Cheshire; James Steele, Chantry Avenue, Hartford. Northwich, Cheshire, Brian Jones, Spedding Way, Biddulph, Stoke-on-Trent, Staffordshire; Andrew John-ston, Holmesville Avenue, Congleton, Cheshire; Gareth Bushill, Manchester Road, Lostock, Northwich, Cheshire; John Winter, Wallace House, Blennerhasset, Carlisle; Michael Jones, Cockcrow Wood, St Leonards-on-Sea, East Sussex; Rik Wickison, Bowfell Drive, High Lane, Stockport, Cheshire; Stephen Jones, 3 Reigate Road, New Basford, Nottingham; Les Teare, Fairbourne Avenue, Alderley Edge, Cheshire: Alan Garratt, Maple Cottage, Dark Lane, Higher Whitley, Warrington, Cheshire; Blake Rogers, Humphrey Lane, Urmston, Manchester, Asoka Chakrabarti. Osbourne Road, Hornchurch, Essex.

George Hill

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What is it the about clerics that makes some women fall in love with them - and how do they resist?

in recent romantic fiction was Ralph de Bricassart in The Thorn Birds. He was clever, handsome and charming - and a Catholic priest. By making her hero tantalizingly unobtainable, Colleen McCullough tapped a powerful female fantasy, and the book was a runaway best-

A few days ago a be-leaguered Midlands vicar had to seek legal help to escape the unwanted attentions of a female parishioner.

The rather pathetic real life episode is a far cry from the fictional, but both reveal aspects of a phenomenon regularly encountered by clergy of all denominations, and which can range from the tiresome to the disastrous. As Father Louis Marteau says: "It goes with the territory. I think it happens to everyone. We are dealing here with some very powerful psychological areas - the idea of the god/man, perhaps the need for a father figure for those who are bereft, or the need for a non-sexual, non-threatening male, or the need for a gentle authority figure to replace the experience of a bad one. All these are likely to evoke peculiar

Father Marteau, director of the Dympna Centre, a counselling organization for ministers of all denominations. says that infatuations rarely take the form of open declarations of love or physical approaches: "You don't make a pass if you don't think you will get a positive reaction. But there's a lot of non-verbal language that goes on. And they always seem to be there when you need them, sitting under the pulpit, asking your advice, making you feel im-portant and helpful.

"Most of the time it's not a problem. As long as you remain balanced and objective about it you can handle it. You can talk about it with your supervisor or fellow ckergy, and even laugh about can be redirected. "You can it. It's when you begin to get discourage it. You have to set caught up in it that it's dangerous, or if you start colluding. It's all right if others think you're God; when you start believing it yourself you're in trouble,"

The subject is raised in training but, says Reverend Gordon Mursell, chaplain and lecturer at Salisbury and Wells Theological College, there's a limit to theoretical prepara-tion. "It tends to be easier if you have colleagues around, rather than if you're all alone in some village.
"The important thing is to

recognize what's going on, and that it is more to do with that person's needs than because you're a brilliant vicar." Most clergy are quick to

point out that unwanted affections are not the sole prerogative of priests: they affect

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other members of the caring professions such as doctors, teachers and social workers. But the priest is in a particularly difficult position, as his territory and working hours are far less clearly delineated.

Most of the women who develop these feelings are not, Father Marteau believes, overtly neurotic, but they do tend to be unfulfilled in some emotional area of their lives. Sometimes the passion fades of its own accord. But Father Marteau tells of a priest who finally, in desperation, threw a bucket of cold water over his pursuer. Usually, he says, the woman's attentions

Symptoms, Revd Mursell says, include "inappropriate religiosity, such as turning up at an unspeakable number of services. You've also got to be aware when the questions you are being asked are masking something else. We've all made mistakes. You are encouraging someone and then you realize what it's really all

your own boundaries, and the

red warning light has always to

Although churches inevitably attract lonely people, Revd Mursell agrees with Father Marteau that the majority of women who develop these fantasies are otherwise "normal, intelligent and balanced".

about. You feel a fool."

He's not surprised that the syndrome exists. The priest can be a powerful figure, a leader with a religious dimension who wears special clothes and is supposed to keep his own emotions out of reach. Then there's the whole business of the taboo. It's the attraction of forbidden fruit."

Revd Mursell is married, but he doesn't believe having n wife makes a clergyman safe. Nevertheless, a canny wife can

'You have to set your own boundaries, and the red warning light has always to be on'

do a great deal to deflect attention from her husband. According to Reverend Tom Leary, a south London vicar, this is a vital talent at a time when clergymen seem increasingly afraid of giving

"There are all kinds of pressures on the modern clergyman to be popular - the whole business of numbers in church, and so on. These performance criteria can make his job as a priest more difficult. He doesn't want to upset people in case they go away or spread rumours.

"So, in a lot of cases the confronting is done by the wife. It will be she who maintains the boundaries. She'll answer the phone, deal with callers at the door, say he's not available on his day off, go with him on tricky pastoral occasions to make sure things don't go wrong."

Revd Leary, who is also married, trained as a marital psychotherapist, and is the organizer of the Clergy Marriage Consultation Service, which offers help to clergy couples. He believes there's a need for more training and support services to help priests deal with obsessives. "One of the things that happens is that they turn up to mid-week services where there there is no way the priest can l to "have another go". And Dunkirk beaches. He hears Lady Harlech, chairman of the "Wham bam thank you Pam". avoid them. They learn his hahits and where he will be."

This can hancen with men as well. It happened to me. It got to the point where I could neither go into church nor play a game of cricket without him being there. Because I'm a professional therapist 1 knew how to deal with it. I confronted him and it stopped.

"But these are all God's children and you are responsible for them. The skill lies in dealing with the situations without detriment to them or to you and your family. This would seem the heart

of the matter. As one female counsellor working with priests explained: "As a peron trying to spread the love of God you can hardly just reject

IN THE fetid climate of a New Jersey summer, an attractive young woman was tried on 130 charges of sexual abuse against 20 children ranging in age from three to five. The case marked a high point, for those who are moved to measure such things, in the child abuse hysteria that seems to have gripped our transatiantic cultures

The defendant, 26-year-old Margaret Kelly Michaels, was said to have defiled every single child in the Wee Care Day Nursery where she worked as a teacher for seven months. Pursers her resel in months. During her trial in 1988, the court heard a grotesque catalogue of horrors including Miss Michaels nude at the piano.

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America and Britain, An

example from the Michaels

Interrogator: What colour did Kelly have down there

(pointing to the doll)? Brown like her head? Did she have

Luke (aged four); My daddy

Interrogator (taking a new tack): Did Kelly play "Jingle

I saw her penis! I peed on her!

Interrogator: You peed on

Luke: No, she peed on me.

dence", Ms Rabinowitz says,

Michaels was convicted.

There was no physical evi-

dence of injury to the children.

No adult could confirm the

children's stories. When a

judge granted Michaels bail,

nending appeal of her convic-

tion, the outcry was so enormous the State governor

overturned the bail. Today,

Perhaps she will receive a

new trial, but the problem is

far greater than her case alone.

Social hysterias have a strong

half-life, as our own Cleveland

case illustrates. The problem,

of course, is that child abuse

Michaels sits in prison.

On the basis of such "evi-

Bells" with clothes on? Luke (screaming now): No,

hair under her arm?

trial illustrates the problem:

No adult was witness to any of the crimes. During the seven months the accused seacher worked at the school, not a single child complained of such behaviour. No teacher every stumbled into this nightmare. All the same, the young teacher was convicted and sentenced to 47 years in

But this month, in remarkable piece of work in Harper's, the American magazine, Dorothy Rabinowitz, a journalist who was covering the case for a New Jersey television station, writes that "a substantial body of evi-dence suggests that Margaret Kelly Michaels was convicted of crimes she did not commit". In essence, according to Ms Rabinowitz, what happened is this: some time after Michaels had left Wee Care for a better-paying job, a small child from the nursery was taken for a routine medical check-up. A nurse took his temperature rectally. After a few quiet seconds, the child said: "That's what my teacher does to me at nap time at school." Asked what he meant, the boy replied: "Her takes my temperature." This was a perfectly normal exchange, as the teachers at the nursery were required to take temperatures, albeit not rectally.

But this perfectly normal exchange did not take place in normal times; the event was reported to the local authorities and hence to special police investigators, social workers and child abuse experts and, when it was all over, after 18 months of interviewing parents and children, the charges were laid. Ironically, the little boy who had started it all with his remark was judged not to have been anally abused.

Only now, 50 years after the evacuation of Dunkirk, can some of the stories be told. evacuation The accepted image of the Dunkirk miracle is clear. young men stood for hours in disciplined ranks, ignoring the of the places shelling and strafing, showing and for many of the men. But neither fear nor impatience, until their deliverance, when they climbed aboard the res-

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dropped her appeal against

proposed disciplinary action

Health Authority and ac-

cepted a paediatric job at

Gateshead, Tyne and Wear.

This compromise delighted

the three judges of the Court of

Appeal who termed it a very

sensible solution. I blinked

several times on reading this.

Under Dr Higgs' procedures, the most awful abuse of

human rights we have seen in

this country for many years

took place. Nearly 100 child-

ren were taken from their

families, for what turned out

to be no reason at all. Today,

there are 20 writs for damages

from parents pending against

Dr Higgs.
All the same, I thought,

perhaps I am being unfair and

this is a new Dr Higgs.

Perhaps she recognizes that

the means do not justify the

end. That question must also

have occurred to the inter-

viewer in The Observer who

spoke to her last month. "If

one of those 121 diagnoses [of

child abuse] was wrong," the

the Northern Regional

Last month, Dr Higgs

industry to a halt.

not all. Tomorrow, in The reversal of all the battles of Times Saturday Review, Britain. Brian James talks to some of Also

about chance and chaos, as thousands of troops took

most absurdly heartening

Also in the Review, Ray

interviewer wrote, "does Dr Higgs accept that it would represent not just a medical mistake, but a complete catastrophe for the family

involved?"
Whatever the answer, it was not a simple "no" According to the article, all Dr Higgs said in response was 'I am a children's doctor. From an abused child's point of view, if a mistake is made and a diagnosis is not made, what about the consequences of that and the damage to that child for the rest of its life? It would not be unfair, I think, to suggest that for Dr Higgs it is better to traumatize 100 inno-cent people than let one child abuser go free.

Dr Higgs's new job comes with the condition that she not be involved in child abuse cases for three years, at which time matters will be reviewed. One hopes this is a first step. In my own view, she should first be kept away from child abuse cases and then kept away from children, Indeed, if her response to The Observer interviewer is accurate, she strikes me as the sort of person whose real field might be rabbits or gerbils.

Indeed the doctors who figured in the Cleveland hysteria have all shown what is to me a curious lack of shame But the consequences of their actions linger. One read this week of a Cumbrian man with lung cancer trying to see his estranged children before his death. Apparently, the childrea were removed from him after allegations of sexual abuse. One simply cannot assess the merits of the case from a tabloid story. But one factor seems indisputable. The father claims he is innocent and any charges that have been made against him by social workers have never been tested in court. All the same, he has been convicted and punished.

The Butier-Sloss report called for the various disciplines such as doctors, social workers and police to all work together in order to solve the problem of child abuse. What is needed, I should think, is precisely the opposite. We need independent and strong authorities such as the police and the courts to see that a coven of social workers and doctors do not trample on the civil and legal rights of families. Having our courts applaud the return of Marietta Higgs to the field of child indeed.

boards of the English National Ballet and the Women's Playhouse Trust, as well as being on the board of the South Bank Centre and a trustee of the Victoria and Albert Museum, "When it comes to the arts, she is a fixer," he writes. A friend recently dubbed her the Red Adair of the artistic

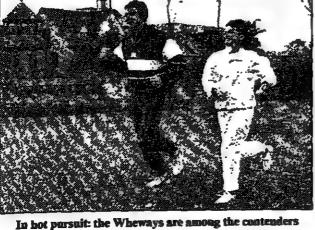
A living off the fat of the land

ne advertisement likely to attract interest among investors read-ing today's Financial Times is the call for offers on Ragdale Hall in Leicestershire. With a turnover of £3 million a year, the handsome mansion, complete with planning per-mission for an ambitious extension, will look - to the uninitiated - like a snip at a probable selling price of just twice that amount. The collapse last week of the parent company, Leisure Investments, has forced the sale.

But those who think that running a business like Ragdale is akin to taking highcalorie candy from a very bouncing baby should consider the role of the health farm in the Nineties: the days when you could house guests in chalets and feed them on carrot juice are over. Today's visitors expect warm, luxurious surroundings, state-of-the-art facilities, high staffing ratios and a great deal of highquality, wholesome food. "The business is notorious

for attracting people who think that because they can play a game of tennis they could run a fitness operation," says Lesley White, the managing director of Ragdale, who hopes the receivers will settle for a fast sale to the management team already in place.

Still, the health farm business in Britain is thriving following on the heels of Europe, where spas are experiencing 30 per cent annual growth. Ragdale owes the health of its own balance sheet 10 a female ambience



Will the health farm boom continue?

Rival investors are still hoping for rich pickings from a leaner, fitter industry

industry where most of the growth is expected to come from men and companies. More dreaded by the incumbents are outside investors, who would almost certainly want to bring sexual equality to Ragdale, where 85 per cent of the guests are

that distinguishes it in an

men is deliberately discouraged. "We feel our women guests would be intimidated by seeing a higher proportion of men during the week," says Jean Oliver, Ragdale's manager.

women and a higher ratio of

he pursuit of health and beauty appears to defeat recession; as well as

health club and beauty clinic in London, Leisure Investments' health division was soon to have launched a spa in Bath, and most notably The Chandlings, a £13 million development in Oxfordsbire. Due to open next year, this would have been Britain's first £2,000 per week top end spa operation; it was being developed for Leisure Investments by Allan and Tanya Wheway, who in the Seventies took over the running of Champneys at Tring, Hertfordshure, a leader in what is today a £25 million

Ragdale Hall and its sister

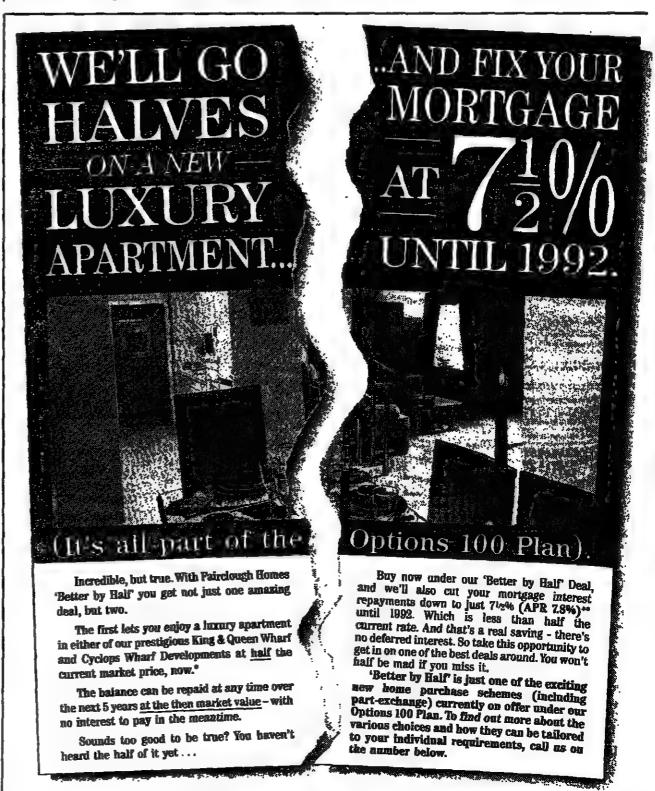
business. Seeing the receivers in at Ragdale - where an entire consignment of leotards was

tween teatime and dinner last Tuesday - is not the first, but the second jolt in just over a year to the industry; the first was in January last year, when Guinness, who owned Champneys, dismissed the Wheways in the name of improving profits. Accountants were put in to manage it. and the business changed drastically. Peter Lederer, the managing director, admits that: "Business is a little soft in the current economic climate". Not surprisingly, the Wheways are among the most passionately interested in urchasing Ragdale. But the members of

Ragdale's management buy-out consortium have their doubts about whether their autonomy would survive under any but their own ownership. "The Wheways have a much more medical orientation than we do - and they don't even approve of us calling our treatment rooms 'cubicles'," Jean Oliver, the manager, says. But succinct warnings for

those who hear the cash registers ringing at the mention of the fat of the land come from within the industry. "The health farm business requires constant investment in building and equipment and very high starting ratios to succeed," Sue Harmsworth. a consultant health spa designer, says. Nevertheless, Ms Harmsworth believes the future is bright - but only for those with "sensitivity" and experience.

Anthea Gerrie



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ORCHESTRAL MUSIC Max Harrison

MORE MYTH, MAGIC SERIES: London Bach Orchestra play Telemann's Don Quinote Suite, an Albinoni oboe concerto, Bach's Brandenburg Concerto No 5 and, for something utterly different, Falla's El Retablo de Masse Pedro. Queen Elizabeth Hall, South Bank, London SE (071-928 8800), today, 7.45pm, £6-£11.

MAINLY TIPPETT: After the BBC Welsh SO have played Vivaldi's Seasons with Iona Brown (violin) they offer Tippett's Fantasia Concertante on a Theme by Corelli and his Symphony No 2. Eigar Howarth conducts. St David's Hall, The Hayes, Cardiff (0222 371236), tomorrow, 7.30pm, £4-E1260.

LEEDS FAIRY'S KISS: Edward Downes conducts the BBC Philharmonic in choice Stravinsky items, Le Baiser de la Fée and Pulcinella, interspersed with Mozart's Oboe Concerto (soloist, Maurice Bourgue) and Tcharkovsky's Town Hall, Leeds (0532 462453), tomorrow, 7.30pm, £3-£9.25.

MOSCOW SNOWSTORM: MOSCOW Radio SO is conducted by Vladimir Fedoseyev in Sveridov's picturesque Snowstorm, Tcharkovsky's turbule Francesca da Rimini and, with Viadimi Ovchimkov as soloist, nie Concert Fantasy for Piano and Orchestra Royal Concert Hall, Theatre Square, Nottingham (0602 482626), tomorrow 7.30pm, 25.50-29.50.

AUTUMN FOR TCHAIKOVSKY: Elena Firsova's Autumn Music, written in memory of Tcharkovsky, receives its world premiere from the ECO under Vasily Sinaisky in a concert marking the 150th anniversary of the Russian master's birth Also heard are his Serenade for Strings and Rococo Vanations (Raphael Walifisch, cello). Barbican Centre, Silk Street, London EC2 (071-638 8891), Mon, 7.45-9.45pm,

TRAVELLING MUSIC: In aid of the Exeter University Development Appeal Benjamin Luxon sings Vaughan Williams's Songs of Travel with the Bournemouth SO under Jane Glover. These are tollowed by Prokofiev's Plano Concerto No 3 (John Lift, soloist) and Dvořák's Symphony No 8. Great Hall, Exeter University, Exter (0392 54853), Tues, 7 30pm, £10-£25.

CARDIFF DAYDREAMS: Besides Tchaikovsky's stormy, familiar Francesca de Rimini the Moscow Radio SO presents his less trequently heard Symphony No 1 "Winter Daydreams" and, with Visidimir Ovchriskov (piano). his Concerto Fantasy Viadimir Fedoeevey conducts St David's Hall (as above), Tues, 7.30pm, £4-£12.50.

DANCING CHAIRMAN: Martyn Brabburs, winner of the 1988 Leeds

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Elgar: Cello Concerto

(10) Bizet: Carmen Highlights (6) Elgar: Cello Concerto. (7) Albinoni: Adanio Gast

(8) Hoist The Planeta (9) Vivaldi: Four Seasons

16) Mahler: Resurrection .

Albinoni: Adagio/Pachelbel

Lloyd Webber: Requiem Elgar: Cello Concerto

(12) Beethoven: Symphony No 5... (18) Puccini: La Bohème

Vivaidi: Gello Concertos

20 (-) Chopin: Piano Concertos....

(13) Tchaikovsky: Swan Lake Highlights.

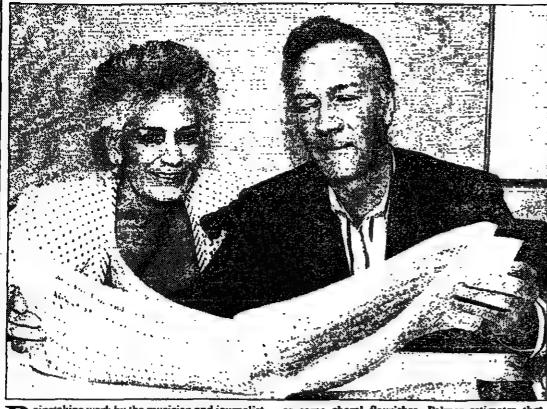
Bruckner: Symphony No 7 ...

Rachmaninov: Plano Concertos

Mendelssohn/Bruch/Schubert ... Bernstein in Berlin: Beethoven...

Sibelius: Symphony 5/Violin Conc.

Once more unto the score



ainstaking work by the musician and journalist Christopher Palmer has led to the reconstruction of Sir William Walton's music soundtrack for Olivier's film of Henry V. The score is shown (above) being examined by the composer's widow, Lady Susana Waiton, and the actor Christopher Plummer. Plummer will speak some of Shakespeare's words at the Festival Hall tonight, when the reconstructed score is given its world premiere by the Academy of St Martin-in-the-Fields, directed by Sir Neville Marriner. Walton made a concert suite from his original film score (which was lost in 1944, shortly after the film was made), but Palmer's version restores much of the Agincourt music, as well

MIRACLE IN BIRMINGHAM: The City

of Birmingham SO is conducted by Jiri Kout in Haydn's Symphony No 96, "The

which Nigel Kennedy forsakes his violin for the darker instrument, and Dvořák's

Symphony No 8. Town Hall, Symingham (021 332 3889).

FLOR/RPO: Claus Peter Flor conducts

the RPO in Beethoven's Symphony No. 7, Mendelseohn's Fingel's Cave

Overture and, with Moscow Tchaikovsky Competition winner Barry

Concerto No 2. Festival Hall South Bank London SE1

Douglas as soloist, Brahms's Plano

(071 928 8800), Wed, 7 30-9.40pm,

LOUGHRAN/PHILHARMONIA: The

Philharmonia under James Loughran with Weber's Der Freischtitz Overture.

Brehms a Symphony No 2 and, with the

. Kennedy/Tate/ECO, HMV

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Ashkenazy/Hertink/COA, Decca

veteran Claudio Arrau as soloist,

Wed, 7.30pm, £3.60-£13.

Miracle", Bartok's Viola Concerto, In

as some choral flourishes. Palmer estimates that about 90 per cent of Walton's original score is now restored. Recent performances of Eisenstein's 1938 film Alexander Nevsky, with Prokofiev's score played "live" by an orchestra, demonstrated fairly comprehensively that Olivier and Walton took at least some of their ideas from the earlier film: there are notable similarities between the Eisenstein/Prokofiev "Battle on the Ice" and the Olivier/Walton "French cavalry charge", for instance. Nevertheless, Walton's score remains a magnificent document of British bulldog spirit in dark wartime days. Festival Hall, South Bank, London SE1 (071-928 8800), tonight, 7.30pm, £5-£20.

Bach, Biber and Buxtehude

Wigmore Hall (as above), Wed, 7.30pm, £4-£7.

RECITALS

DOWN-UNDER DOGGEREL. Various

artists gather to perform New Zealand

works scarcely known in Britain. Glenda

Keam's Down-Under Doggeral, Carr's Makarin/Koanga, Hams's Flüchtig and

Lithum's Sings Harry. St John's (as above), today, 7.30pm,

MORE MICHELANGELI: The great

pianist Arturo Benedetti Michelangeli

repeats his programme of last night

(Thursday), Chopin's Scherzo Op 20,

Polonarse Op 22 and Mazurkas Op 33,

Beethoven's Sonatas Opp 22 and 111

Barbican Centre (as above). Sun, 7:30-

Asylest. Glasgow's International Arts

Festival. Helene Grimand an amazing

pianist to judge from her records, plays

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HELENE GRIMAUD As pert of

Beethoven's Sonata Op 110 and Schumann's Kraislenana.

Royal Scottish Academy of Music

EARL'S GARGOYLES: Yet another

depicts a get-together of depetrified

sourts who dance at midnight on the

roof of a Gothic chateau He also

Rachmaninov's Chopin Vanations

Wigmore Hall (as above), Mon,

TORTELIER'S TOURS: The

his own Trais Ptits Tours,

essays Schumann's Pacillons, and

celebrated cellist Paul Torteller offers

miscellaneous pieces by Sarasate, Granados and Ravel, sonatas by Bach,

daughter. Maria de la Pau, at the piano.

TALICH RETURN, in the first of three

concerts that mark the end of a 10-year

St David's Hall (as above), Tues,

pranist, David Earl gives the UK

premiere of his Gargoyles, which

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the Bach-Busoni Checonne

9 30pm, £4 50-620

5057), Sun, 8pm, £6.

7.30pm, £4-£7.

7 30pm, £3-£10

conducting competition, conducts the Beethoven's Piano Concerto No 4. Festival Hall (as above), Thurs, 7.30-Salomon Orchestra in such entertaining John Adams pieces as The Chairman 9.30pm, £3.50-£15. Dances, A Short Ride in a Fast Machine along with Sibelius's Symphony No 4 and Janacek's Taras Bulbs. St John's, Smith Square, London SW1 (071-222 1061), Tues, 8pm, £5-£7.50.

KOUT CONDUCTS KENNEDY, Nigel Kennedy solos with the CSSO under Jin Kout in the Viola Concerto that Bartók sketched and his publi Szekély completed Also slated for performance are Dvořák's constantly tuneful Symphony No 8 and Haydn's Symphony No 96 "The Miracle". ham Town Hall (as above), Thurs, 7.30pm, £3.60-£13.

VOCAL/CHORAL

GERMAN REQUIEM: Hitary Davan Wetton conducts Guidford Choral Society, the City of London Chair, Wren Orchestra and solorsts in a comparatively rare performance of Brahms's Ein deutsches Requiem, Festival Hall (as above), tomorrow 7 30-9.30pm, 26-210.

GEORGIAN GALA. The Gale Spring Concert of the Georgian Festival has Simon lole conducting the Georgian Festival Chorus, Orchestra and solorists in Haydn's Menazeller Messe Also heard are Mozart's Clarinet Concerto with Stephen Dehn as soloist and Boyce's harmless Symphony No 1. The Guildhall, Bath (0225 461979), tomorrow, 8pm, £5-£9.

HEINE TWICE: The Songmakers' Almanac team offer a programme of ting of poems by Henrich Heine by Liszt, Schumann, Wolf, Mendelssohn, Franz.

Wigmore Half, 36 Wigmore Street, London W1 (071-935 2141). Sun, 3pm and 6.30pm, £10-£16 for both rformances (not bookable separately).

YOUNG MUSICIANS' DREAM: James air conducts the Young Musicians's SO, Chorus and soloists in Elgar's great Dreem of Gerontius. stival Haff (as above), Sun. 7.30-9.40pm, £5-£15.

EARLY AND BAROQUE: The Early Music and Baroque Series sweeps on with John Potter (tenor) assisted by Nancy Hadden (flute), John Hollon (violin) and the Trag-correcte learn in pieces by Schultz, Schein and Schop.

WORD-WATCHING

(b) Tito Melems, the hand-

ome young Greek crook is

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spiritual guidance.

STEPHEN GUEST

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MELEMA

distinguished Talich Quartet undertake Besthoven's Quartets Op 18 No 2, Opp 95 and, his last, 135. Wigmore Half (as above), Thurs, 7.30pm, £4.50-£9. EAGLE WINNER: Alvin Moisey, winner

absence from London, the

of the Royal Overseas League Eagle Star Award lest year, interprets Beethoven's Piano Sonata Op 101, Rachmaninov's Preludes Op 23 Nos 1-5, Liszt's Harmonies du Soir and Stravinsky's riolous Three Movements from Felrustika. Leighton House, 12 Holland Park

Road, London W14 (071-602-6040), Thurs. 7.30cm, £4.50. SZYMANOWSKI PEAK: The Carmina Quartet's contribution to "Poland's Last

Romantic" has as its centrepiece Szymanowski's superb Quartel No 2, this being flanked by the equally inspired Bartok No 2 and Ravel's only Otautes Purceil Room (as above), Thurs, 8pm, £4.50-£7.50.

DAYTIME MUSIC

MAINLY HAYDN: Yeoh Ean Mei juxtaposes Haydn's beautiful F minor Vanations and Piano Sonala No 50 with Tippett's Sonata No 3. St David's Hall (as above), tomorrow,

ALL MOZART: The London Soloists' Chamber Orchestra's unstoppable Mozart Concerto Festival tick off their ist his Flute Concerto K 314 (Peter-Lukas Graf, soloist), Violin Concerto K 218 (Lydia Mordkovich) and Prano Concerto K 271 (Nicola Grunberg), adding Symphony No 40. David Josefowitz conducts. Queen Elizabeth Hall (as above), Sun,

SUSPENDED GARDEN, Matthew Mortey's organ recital includes Alain's Le Jardin Suspendu, a Carllon by Mumil, an Impromptu by Vierne and other such pieces. St Michael's, Comhill, London EC3,

Mon, 1-2pm, free. LAST CHOPIN: Bach wrote his Sonata No 2 for the viola da gamba but David Kennedy transfers it to the cello, with Roy Howat at the piano. Then they pass on to the last work Chopin published, his Cello Sonata Op 65. St Martin-in-the-Fields (as above),

Mon, 1.05-2pm, free. **CZECH QUARTET(S): Two quartets** by Czech composers are on offer from the Czech Talich Quartet, Dvorák's Op 96 "The American" and Martinu's No 2. Radio 3 is broadcasting this concert. St David's Hall (as above), Tues, 1.05-

LARGELY GAUBERT: Jane Spiers (flute) and Rebecca Holt (piano) play the French neo-classical composer Gaubert's Noctume and Allegro Scherzando plus his Sonata No 3. adding Marhnů's Sonata No 1 and a Suite Antiqua by Rutter. St Martin-in-the-Fields (as above). Tues, 1.05-2pm, free.

SUBMERGED CATHEDRAL: A fine pienist Angela Brownridge performs some Debussy Préludes including La mortes, and Feux d'artifice preceding them with Beethoven's late Sonata Op

St Martin-within-Ludgate, Ludgate HIII, London EC4 (071-248 6054), Tues, 1.15-1 45pm, free.

EUGENE ANGELOU: This Greek pianist, who studied with Jung-Ja Woo at the Boston Conservatore, fields Haydn's F minor Vanations and Sonata Impromptu D 935/2. Yamaha Piano Studios, 24 Princes Street, London W1 (071-408 0210), Wed, 1-2pm, free,

OBSCURE RUBINSTEIN: Besides Brahms's well-known Viola Sonata Op 120 No 2, Rivka Golani plays Anton Rubinstein's extremely rare Sonata Op 49 of 1855. At the piano is Clifford

St George's, Charlotte Street, Brandon Hill, Bristol (0272 230359), 1-2pm, £3.

Compiled by Karl Knight

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CINEMA GUIDE

Geoff Brown's selection of films in London and (where indicated with the symbol (*) on release across the country.

NEW RELEASES

JOHNNY HANDSOME (15): Gesting. unsympathetic action fodder from direc Water Hill, with Mickey Pourier so a disfigured commel who plans is doublecross following plastic surgery. With Binn Summ. Cannons: Fulham Road (071-370 2636) Haymarket (071-839 1527) Oxford Street (071-836 0310).

LEVIATHAN (18): Derivative, cliché-logged underwater thriter about son logged underwater thriter associated on the ocean Roor, under attack from genetic transformation Peter Weller, Richard Crame. Odeons: Leicester Square (071-830 5111) Marble Arch (071-72» 2011).

A NICHTMARE ON BLM STREET & A NORTHMARE ON EAST STREET OF THE DREAM CHILD (19), Robert England's vergelul monster tectousty prays on yet more children. Grussomely polished special offects, but the plot is a timing of shreds and paccies; Carmonis: Challen (171-152-2006) Heymerket (071-839 1527) Oxford Street 4071-836 03101

POWWOW HIGHWAY (The Hugely dwering and sympathetic US indeper lim about two American Indians of It Cross-country journey A sprightly first have to research Journey, Veryla, with A Martinez, Gery Farmer, Bearing (171-752 2020).

PRIETTY WOMAN (15): Shamalessly old-fashioned romanic consoly, given some modest charm and sparkle by Julia Roberts at a gaviey prostitute who solves the crust of notices.

businessman Richard Gere, Director Garry

Marmat.
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Cottage (071-722 5005) Screen on the
Green (071-226 3550) Watmer (071-436
0791) Whiteleys (071-732 3303/5324).

SHE-DEVIL (16): Rossenne Barr se ris-Devil. (16) Fromming Barries e pited fining who takes revenge whe or husband takes up with Meryl treep. Overly strictent adeptation of Fe riddon's Life and Loves of a She-Davil on director Susen Seidelmen. Odeon Labour Score (071 900 6111).

CURRENT

 ALWAYS (PGI): Speiberg's plush but pointless remake of A Gry Named with Richard Dreyfuse as a dead paid chimming to courts. Texas (071-407 9886).

BORN ON THE FOUNTH OF JULY (18): Dynamic anti-Vietnam epic from Oliver Stone, with Tom Cruse expollent as paraplage Ron Kover.
 Places (071-497 9999).

CINEMA PARADISO (PG): Giuseppe Tornatore's nostalgic tale of e amail Siolien chemic, a hugely appealing astate to the moses Curzons: Mayfair (071-465 8866) West End (071-438 4505).

COLD FEET (15): Wayward comedy drams about three petty comings in Montans, co-written by noveles from McGuene with Tom Wats, Keith Car Sely Kinderio Directed by cod-ball talent Robert Downlein. ICA Cineme (871-930 3847).

 POPIVING MISS DAISY (U): Sweet, encloaring film of Alfred Unity's play about a refined Southern ledy (Jessica Tandy) and har back casulture (Margani Fredman). Directed by Bruce Berselond.

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ENEMIES, A LOVE STORY (15): Issue Bashova Singar's novel abo ête, siditully filmed by Paul Mazureky. Flori ton Street (071-930 (4811)

 THE FABILLOUS BAKER BOYS (15): Highly diverting fireworks between blonde singer (Michelle Pfeiffer) and two cooking printers (Jeff and Bass) two cochest paneless (Aff and Bass) Berligas). Caurion Sheftsebury Avenue (071-835 B861) Odeoni: Kensington (071-802 6544/51 Letoseta: Square (071-435 8111) Screen on the HB (071-435 3386).

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9999) Whiteleys (071-792 3303/3324) THE KRAYS (18): Brooking, bloody drams about the rise and fall of the East End gargaters, from war-time childhood to incarceration in separate prisons. Peter Mediak directs an megnatively chosen cast: Gary and Mertin Kemp, Billie Whitelew Carnon Chelsea (071-352 5096)

Cannon Chelsea (071-392 508) Odeons: Vensington (071-502 5644/5) Series Cottage (071-722 5905) West End (071-530 5252/7615) Whiteleys (071-792 3303/3324). ◆ LOOK WHO'S TALKING (12): ♠ LOOK WHO'S TALLANK (12¢) Infantia cornedy about an unmarriad I said her talking baby. John Travolta, Kirshe Alley and Bruce Willis's vicina. Cennons: Chelsea (071-352 5096) Oxford Street (071-536 0310) Pention Street (071-930 0831) Odeons: Kensington (071-92 5905) Warner (071-92 5905) 439 0791) Whiteleys (071-792 3303/3324).

MONSIBUR HIRE (15): Interse, stylets version of Smenon novel about a bechelor's dark obsession with his neighbour, a strilong achievement by director Patrice Leconte. With Michal Blanc and Sandrine Bonneira.

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♠ NEXT OF KIN (15): A Kentucky clen fights the Mafia. Potboiling Patrick Sweyzb vehicle, partly saved by John Irvin's direction; with Liam Neeson, Adam Baldwin Cannon Oxford Street (071-636 0310)

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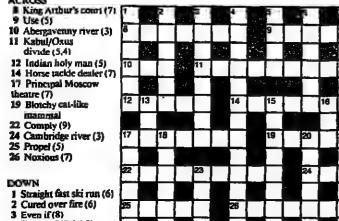
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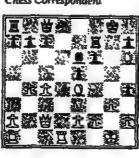
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guests discuss a topical subject 10.00 News and weather followed by Matchpoint, Angela Rippon's worse than average quiz with, for no obvious reason, an annoying tennis scoring format (r) 10.25 Children's BBC, introduced by

Simon Parkin, begins with Playdays (r) 10.50 Burnyip. Cartoon series (r) 10.55 Five To Eleven. Celebrating Wesak a festival of the Enlightenment of the Buddha

11.00 News and weather followed by Open Air. Eamonn Holmes follows up viewers' comments. Plus a report from Michael Peschardt in Australia on that country's preoccupation with putting television cameras in the most unlikely places

12.00 News and weather followed by Daytime Live 12.55 Regional news and

1.00 One O'Clock News with Philip Hayton. Weather

1.30 Neighbours. (Ceefax) 1.50
Matchpoint. Quiz game

2.15 Anthony Dowell — More Than
Meets The Eye. Alan Titchmarsh in
conversation with the director of the

Royal Ballet 2.45 The Six Million Dollar Man. Harmless fun as the bionic man's life is put at risk when he has to keep an atomic bomb away from the bad guys 3.35 Popeye Double Bill

3.50 New Yogi Bear Show. Cartoon 4.00
A Bear Behind (r) 4.10 Around The
World With Willy Fog. Cartoon
adventures 4.35 EyeSpy. More puzzles
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5.00 Newsround. News magazine for younger viewers 5.10 Round The Twist. Episode five of the comedy drama from Australia about a widowed father and his three children who live in a hand father who live in a

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Neighbours
7.00 Wogan. The guests are Christopher
Plummer, Jonathan Ross, Bobby
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8.10 Paradica. Pessable Western series
staming Lee Horsley. A survivor from a
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amnesia. As he is nursed back to health at Paradise, he begins to remember just what he was going there for. (Ceefax) 9.00 Nine O'Clock News with Martyn Lewis, Regional news and weather 9.30 South Of The Border.

 The second series about the women detectives Pearl and Finn opens noisily with a car crash and a mugging but soon takes a less violent and more interesting turn. Looking a bil like Arthur Daley's younger brother, Eddie (Nigel Terry) runs an amusement arcade and an outrize American car and has invented an serial that can pick up information off comouder screens. Meanwhile his stranged wife is fighting to keep open



Babi Armstrong as Feet Parket (5.30pm)

a children'shome which the council is trying to close. One of the pleasures of the piece is the way these two apparently self-contained plot strands become woven together. Another is the leavening of humour, it is good to have a detective series in which the vilialins are not all bad and the detectives are as fallible as the rest of us. I don't think I would employ Pearl and Finn myself but I am happy to watch them take on other people's cases. Wales: The Sun and the Dragon 10.10-11.00 South of the Border

10.20 That Old Cup Final Magici It's a game of two halves. Will Crystal Palace or Manchester United walk oil with the eliverwere temporow? 10.50 Film: Perfect (1985). An over-long and indulgent tale of a reporter (John Travotts) who falls for the aerobics instructor (Jamie Lee Curtis) at the alth club he plans to crucify in print. Directed by James Bridges. Wates: 11.00 Film: Pertect 12.55 That

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6.00 TV-am begins with News and Good Morning Britain presented by Beatrice Hollyer and, from 7.00, by Mike Morris and Maya Even. With news at 6.30, 7.00, 7.30, 8.00, 8.30 and 9.00. After Nine includes Russell Graph's su Grant's sun signs for the week

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12.10 Rainbow. Learning with puppers series (r) 12.30 Home and Away. Australian drame serial about a couple and their tive foster children 1.00 Nows at One and weather 1.20 Thames Nows and weather 1.90 Corning of Age, New American comedy starring Paul Dooley as a retired airline pilot. With Phyliss Newman and Glyris Johns 2.00 A Country

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3.00 Sounds Like Music. The final edition of the quiz on stage and screen musicals \$.25 Thames Neves and

musicals 3.25 Themes News and weather 3.30 Sons and Deughters
4.00 Owl TV. Entertaining wildlife magazine presented by Michaela Strachan. Today, a romp with some gorilas at Howlatts Zoo and a visit to a seal sanctuary in Commatl. (Oracle) 4.20 Disney's Duck Tales 4.45 Fun House. Stepsick für and games
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5.10 Home and Away (r) 5.40 News and weather 5.55 Police 5 Plus with Shaw Taylor 8.00 6 O'Clock Live. Includes an examination of five crimes that took place over the Bank Holiday weekend in the south-east, talking to the police and victims to see what progress has been made. Plus an interview with the pop group New

Kidu on the Black
7.00 Through the Keyhole. Another peep into celebrities' homes with Loyd Grossman and David Frost. This week's guests are Willie Rushton, Eve Pollard and Patrick Lichfield. (Oracle) 7.30 Coronation Street. (Oracle) 8.00 Surgical Spirit. Energetic comedy starring Nichola McAuliffe as an

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8.30 Brian Confey - This Way Up, More enthusiastic comedy from Brian Conley -- with help from Andrew Secombe

and Jonathan Kydd 9.00 The Chief, Gripping police series with Tim Pigoth-Smith's embattled ohiel

constable having to respond quickly when a group of vigilantes decide to take the law into their own hands.

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11.10 Beauty and the Beast. Tritle adventures of a woman lawyer and her half-man/half-beast minder who halls from New York's nether world. Starring Linda Hamilton and Ron Periman.

12.05am We Got it Made. Lively American.

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2.00 CinemAttractions. The latest news

from the American movie scene presented by Steve March 2.30 Golf: The American PGA Tour 1990. Action from the 11th of the 20

tournaments on the US PGA tour — the GTE Byron Nelson 3.30 ice Hockey. Washington v Philluduliphia

4.30 Crusade in Europe (b/w). Series based on the wartime memoirs of General Dwight D. Eisenhower. This week's edition covers the Africa campaign up the Rhone Valley and the advance of Patton's Third Army 5.00 ITN Morning News. Ends at 6.00

BBC 2

6.45 Open University: Elements Discovered, Ends at 7.10 8.00 News 8.15 Westminster 9.00 Look, Stranger. A profile of sculptor

Frank Roper (r) 9.25 Daytime On Two ws and weather followed by You and Me (r) 2.15 Weekend Outlook (r) 2.20 Mightler

Than The Sword. The life and works of Sir Arthur Quiller-Couch (r) 2.50 Impressions. A day in the life of RAF Cottshall in Nortolk (r)

3.00 News and weather followed by Turning Japanese. Four expaining Midlanders reveal how their lives have changed since they began living and working in Tokyo (r) 3.35 Gardening With Wildlife (r) 3.50 News, regional news and weather 4.00 Wish We Were There. Tackling

Europe's air congestion problem (r) 4.30 Top Gear (r) 5.00 Film: Scared Stiff (1953, b/w) Typical maccap Daan Martin and Jerry Lewis comedy, in which the pair go on the run from a gangster and take refuge in a spooky castle. Directed by George Marshall

6.45 Gardeners' World. Includes a preview of the National Gentlen Feetival in Gutenhead

7.15 What The Papers Say, Alan Rushbadger analyses The European's chances of auryival and reviews the reporting of the local elections 7.30 Bywraya. What did Londoners do for tun before television? Colin Sorenson of the Museum of London tells us. Wales: Wales in Westminster; Soutland: Soutleh Testimony; Northern Ireland:

Catch of the Day; Midlands: The Balloon; Leads: Keeping Tracks; Newcastle: North Report; Manchester: Sportsround; Southampton: Dangerous Sunlight; Plymouth: The Totnes Alternative 8.00 Public Eye. Will the controversia

proposals for reforming the divorce laws mooted by the Law Commission nake things better or worse? 0.30 United.

 Writh Sheffield United promoted to the First Division, a triumph unsoured by hooligan fans, this illuminating pormut of a professional footbell dub ends on the upbeat note the producers must have been praying for when the series was devised some months ago. In terms of what makes good television *United* has shrewdly saved the best until last by homing in on the club's colourful manager, Dave Bassett. Football can be a cruel game, as Bassett discovered during his unhappy time with Watford. A menager is only as good as his last set of results. Not surprisingly Sheffield's fine season finds him in buoyant mood, though you wonder, as he wheels and deals on the telephone, manipulates as if they were a bunch of half-wite.

whether he has any other 9.00 Rory Bremner, Impre sions from the man who took over like Yarwood's mentle. (Cestax)

9.30 Arenu: La Parin Black. One of the more indulgent and. unless you happen to be a jazz buff, esoteric offerings in the current Arena season explores the enduring Purisian attraction for African and Afro-American culture. The bulk of the exemples are taken from jazz, with

Paris as a sanctuary for black American

10.30 Newsnight 11.15 Weather 11.20 Jazz 625. Canadian planist Oscar Paterson recorded in 1964

cinems, painting, dence and fashion. The treatment is uneven, with ample musical illustrations but only a

Jazzing it up: Louis Armstrong (9.30pm)

throwaway line on Josephine Baker, arguably one of the most important figures in the Parisian love affair with are a bit tenuous, as when Cocteau ascribes his improvisation on canvas to the influence of Otterla Parker, But interesting points are made about performers who were victims of segregation at home and the contribution to Parisinn culture of the French colonial empire in Africa.

unwritingly helping a enopifiter. Once inside he is framed for a prison break-out. Directed by Denis Amer. Subtitled. Ends at 1.20am

CHANNEL 4 8.00 The Art of Landscape. Breathtaking scarces of the natural world get to music 6.30 The Channel 4 Daily

9.25 Schools 12.00 The Parliament Programme introduced by Sue Cameron 12.30 Business Daily. Financial and business news service presented by

Sussmith Smons 1.00 Sesame Street. Pre-school learning series. Today's guest is Cab Calloway 2.00 IT For The Termied. Information

technology explained in a dramatized form (r). (Oracle)
2.30 Film; Summer Storm (1944, b/w) staring Linda Dennell and George Senders Curious Hollowand version Sanders. Curious Hollywood version of Chekhov's The Shooting Party, in which a beautiful young peasant girl brings tragedy to herself and those with the second of the sec

4,25 Trade Tattoo. An animates information film made for the GPO in the 1930s by the inventive Len Lye, stressing the importance of poeting early in the day 4.30 Fifteen-to-One, General knowledge

4.30 Fitteen-to-Che, General knowledge quiz presented in non-stop style by the abullient William G. Stewart
5.00 I Love Lucy (b/w). Vintage comedy starring Lucille Ball
5.30 A Hundred Acres. Clay Jones makes his weekly visit to see the changes of a hundred acre area of

English countryside

5.45 Painted Tales. Van Gogh's

Sunflowers brought to life. George Melly
and Alwyne Taylor provide the
voices for this animated series aiming to

5.00 Buzz. Magazine programme based on an American MTV series. This week's programme is concerned with cultural stereotypes and how different reces respond to each other 6.30 Star Test. The computer grills

introduce art to the young

4.30 Kateldoscope: Rudio Goes to Town. Live from the Tron

Cook talks to quests and examines the Maytest

5.55 Weather 6.00 Sx O'Clock News; Financial

Report
6.30 Going Pisces: Peter Hobday with travel and transport news
7.00 News
7.05 The Archers
7.20 Pick of the Week with Margaret Howard (s)
8.05 Any Questione? Jonathan Dimbleby In Ulversion, Cumbrie, with panelists Donald Dewar, MP, opposition sookesman for Scotland;

spokesman for Scotland; Ludovic Kennety, writer and

Waddington, MP, Home Secretary: and Usha Prasher, director of National Council for

oluntary Organizations

Future. Hermione Lee
comperes the visions of
futuristic societies of today's
writers with those of their

8.50 Law in Action: Marcel Berlins looks at events in the courts 9.15 Kaleidoscope: Visions of the

writers with those of their predecessors, such as Aldous Husley's Brave Niew World and George Orwell's 1984. Includes an interview with Margaret Atwood, whose novel The Handmand's Tale is being released on Jim later this year, stairing Natasha Richardson (s)

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celebrations taking place in the European City of Culture 5.00 PM 5.50 Shipping Forecast

another willing celebrity
7.00 Channel 4 News and wenther 7.55 Book Choice. Antonia Freser reviews Death's Cartest Face, the new novel by the veteran crime writer

Julian Symons. (Oracle) B.00 Short Stories, Nichotes Adler and Caroline Sherwood show their skills in the slot for new documentary makers. They profile John and Angele McShane who live in a remote part of West Australia, 220 miles from the nearest shop, catching and killing wild carnels and horses for a dog food. factory. The desert landscape is unrelenting and dangerous and the film charts its effects on the hunters

8.30 Hard News. Another one in the eye for the Press as Joe Flynn, a selfconfessed hoaxer, reveals how he has made a living by selling duff stories to guilible newspapermen. Plus an interview with Neil Kimnock \$.00 Chears. Lively comedy series set in a Boston bar. (Oracle) 9.30 Gerdenars. Colondar. The last in

the jobs-for-spring segment. These include organizing a compact heap.

(Ciraciti) 10.00 Roseanne. More cracking one-liners from the rotund Rossanne Barr, currently on our cinema screens playing Fay Weldon's She Devil opposite Meryl Streep. Prevented from taking a bath by her pestering family, she talk selep and dreams she is being

pampered in paracise, 10.30 Citive Anderson Talks Back to Peter Cook, Griff Rhys Jones, stand-up comedian George Wallace and Nina 11.20 Comic Book Confidential

 A deserved first showing on British television of Plon Munn's testure length documentary about the American comic strip, which is not only enormously enterteining but has shread and pertinent points to make about the connection between a

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little regarded low art form and the society in which it was produced. It was perhaps predictable that Walt Disney would not be amused by a parody of Mickey Mouse in Air Piretes, to the extent of taking the perpetrator Dan O'Neill to court for "defiling Mickey's innocent delightfulness". Or that an American Senate subcommittee should find that comic books were "an important contributing factor to juvenile delinquency". Less obvious but just as strong was the role of Jack Kirby's Captain America in underpinning the mood of patnotism during the Second World War As well as the documentary staples of interviews and archive film, Mann uses animation and popular song to



12.55em Buzz, A repeat of the programme shown at 6.00 1.25 Star Test. A repost of the programme shown at 6.30. Ends at 1.55

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8.35 Composers of the Weelc.
Tchakovsky — The Final
Years, 1889-93, Valse à cinq
temps (Midnai Pletney, piano);
Alone as Before, Op 73 No 6
(Elens Obraztsova, mezzosoprano, Vezha Chachava,
piano); Symphony No 6 in B
mnor "Pathetque" (Lenngrad
PO under Evgeny Mravinsky)
9.35 Morning Sequence: Mozari
(Hom Concerto in E fat, K
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clarinet and piano, 1927

clarinet and piano, 1927 (Eduard Brunner, Oleg Maisenberg); Haydn (Cantata, Miseri Nor, H XXIVa 7: Langham CO under Nicholes Brailmental); Roussel (Serenede for flute, violin, cello and harp, Op 30: Academy of St Martin Chamber Ensemble,

Ghost in the Machine — BBC commission, first performance), Dvořák (Symphony No 8). Live from Suntory Hall, Minator-Ko 1.30pm News 1.35 French Harpsichord Music: Malcolm Proud performs Franços Coupenn (Allemande, La térébreus: Premiera Trancis Coupent (ruenters courante; Sarabende, La tenébreuse; Premiers courante; Sarabende, La laugubre; Menuet; Chaconne, La tavonte "Troisième Ordire"); Duphly (La Feibx; La de Belombre; "Prèces de clavecn, Biks 2 and 3") (r)

SI Marin Chambe Ensemble, with Skeile Kange, harp; Mczart (Divertimento "Septet", K 251: Langham CO under Frank Shipway) (1) 11.00 BBC SO in Tokyo under Andrew Davis, with Kyoko Tekezawa, wolin, performs Kodály (Dences of Galanta); Bertin (Webb Concerto No 2) Roday (Uences or Caseria);
Burtók (Violin Concerto No 2)
12.00 A discussion on the
Japanese appetite for music is
chaired by Donald McLeod
12.20pm John Woolrich (The
Ghost in the Mactine — BBC

FASIO O 2.00 Almost off the Record: Lyndon Jenkins with the last in the

series. This week,
Weingartner, Molseiwitsch and
Albert Sermons
2.30 Chlengrien String Quartet,
with Walter Boeykens, clerinet,
and Steven de Groote, pano,

Youth Orchestra under Claudio Abbado performs Schoenberg (Gurrelleder Tove) 5.45 Meaning in the Blues: Roosevet's New Deal during the 1930s Depression brought little benefit to the black population. The blues of Pattie Whatstraw, Jimmy Gordon, Wieshboard Sern, Carl Mertin and Billie McKenzel describe The era.

6.15 The Works with David Owen
Norris 7.00 News
7.05 Thrd Ear: British artists Gilbert
and George talk to Frank
Whitterd as an exhibition of
their recent pictures opens at
the New Tratyakov Gallery in

several Best Play awards. Memmin Without's new production has Michael Citchen as the architect David, whose supposed best friend undermines his plans for a massive redevelopment. The remainder of the cast

plays Coam, was in the original stage cast

9.15 Howard Shelley: The pianlist performs Mozart (Panto Sonata in D, K 576); Chopin (Four Scherzi: No 1 in B minor, Op 20; No 2 in B flat minor, Op 31; No 3 in C sharp minor. Op 39, No 4 in E, Op 54); Museuprated (Pactures from an Mussorgsky (Pictures from an Exhibition), incl 10.05 Interval ding

and steven de Grote, peano, performa Brahma (Trio in A minor for clarinet, cello and peano, Op 114); Musgrava (Ouartet); Brahma (Clarinet Quantet in B minor, Op 115) (r) 3.65 Youth Orchestras of the Youth Orchestra under Clarific Huropean Community Youth Orchestra under

7.30 The Finday Play: Critica'
Cholose Bernitestors, by
Michael Frayn, Premised in
the West End in 1984 it won

includes Barbera Flynn as Jane and Harnet Walter as Sheila, who, together with Krichen, wers in the televisi production. Cive Francis, who plays Colin, was in the original

Reading
11.00 Composers of the Week:
Couperin (Prélude in B flat
"L'art de toucher le clavecin"
Ordre No 6 in B flat "Second
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10.00 News; Special Assignment
10.30 Morning Story: The Other Woman, by Katry Gardiner, Read by Stella Forge
10.45 Daily Service (s)
11.00 News; Analysis: The Rewriting on the Wall. Peter Hennessy chairs a discussion with Peter Clarke, Professor Emest
Geliner and Lord Rees-Mood Geliner and Lord Rees-Mond

history (r) 11.47 Treasure Islanda: Michael Rosen presents the children's book programme. The world of Just William is celebrated by Wary Cadogun and Martin 12.00 News; You and Yours with

Margaret Collins
12.25pm The Food Programme with
Derek Cooper. This week,
consideration is given as to
how far diet can effect behaviour; how to persuade chadren to eat healthily, and why British restaurants do not welcome children 12.55

1.00 The World at One 1.40 The Archers (r) 1.55 Shipping Forecast () The display Forecast () Annual Introduces the programme from Berningham. An interview with Annie Bassett, the first chief executive of a football club. Permonham Chip so them of Birmingham City; an item on folk music in schools, and a

losk music in schools, and a look at the exploitation of Ghanaian and Nigeran women who are used to smuggle chugs into Britain 3.00 News, Classic Senair Far from the Madding Crowd, Nick McCarty's six-part chairmatication of Thomas largering and Co. Hardy's novel (2) 4.00 News 4.05 Tea Junction: Patrick Hannan

10.00 The World Tonight with Richard Kershaw (s)
10.45 A Book at Bedtime: Catch 22, by Joseph Heller (4 of 12)
11.00 Week Ending: Satrical review of the week's news, Wirth Sally Grace, Bill Walks, David Tate and Royce Wils (s)
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By Peter Davenport

SOUTH Yorkshire police, already held largely to blame for the Hillsborough disaster in which 95 Liverpool football fans died, were further accused yesterday of orchestrating a "campaign of misinformation" in the immediate aftermath of the

its alleged purpose was to manipulate the media into laying the blame for the disaster firmly on Liverpool supporters in an attempt to evade their own responsibilities.

The claim was made yes terday as a team of academics commissioned by Liverpool City Council published a 300page initial report into the tragedy and its consequences. As well as severely criticising the police, the report -Hillsborough and After: The Liverpool Experience" - also levels detailed criticism at media coverage. South Yorkshire police are

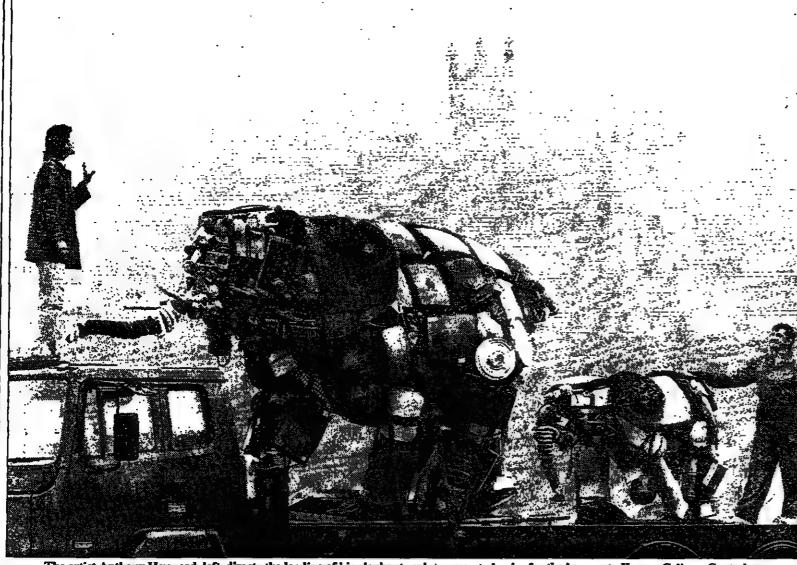
attacked for the way they dealt with the bereaved, adding to their grief by the identification process adopted in the makeshift mortuary at the Hills borough ground's gymnasium - with relatives trying to identify people from Polaroid photographs — and for confusing the initial signs of an unfolding tragedy as a crowd control problem rather than one of public safety.

Many of the criticisms levelled in the report have been made before, particularly at the public inquiry by Lord Justice Taylor, and at the resumed interim inquests into the 95 deaths which concluded in Sheffield last Friday. A decision on whether they will be resumed for the jury to reach verdicts will not taken until the Director of Public Prosecutions says if there are to be criminal prosecutions.

South Yorkshire Police, who have a new chief constable after the retirement of Mr Peter Wright, who was in charge of the force at the time of the disaster, said they had no comment to make on the

Mr Harry Chase, the chairman of Liverpool City Coun-cil's Hillsborough Disaster Working Party, said he was "extremely angry" to see the report confirm his worst fears.

He said: "A total breakdown in communication by those in authority led to the most apalling treatment of those immediately affected by the Hillsborough disaster. This was exacerbated by a media far more intent on sensationalism than fact and it must make every decent person in this country question the supposed bastions in our society, the police and our



The artist Anthony Heywood, left, directs the loading of his elephant sculptures on to lorries for the journey to Keynes College, Canterbury, where they will be shown as part of the college's silver jubilee. The elephants were made from junk, including 70 televisions

Soviet film on Philby keeps identity of 'fifth man' secret

From Mary Dejevsky

THE master-spy, Kim Philby, was supplying highly-prized intelligence direct to Stalin as early as 1940 and strengthened the Soviet leader's bargaining position at the Potsdam talks on a post-war settlement, according to a new Soviet television film. The film, made with British co-operation and shot partly on location in Cambridge and London, also assumes the existence of the elusive "fifth man" in the Cambridge spy ring. The other known members were Guy Burgess, Donald Maclean and Anthony

After the film preview yesterday, however, the combined efforts of the foreign press corps in Moscow were insufficient to glean any information about the identity of the fifth man. Colonel Yuri Motin of the KGB, said to have been Philby's chief Russian contact, refused to divulge any clues. "British intelligence have spent 30 years trying to find him," the retired colonel said, "and we are not about to make their search any easier.

In an early sequence of the film, which will be screened on Soviet television tonight, the second anniversary of

Philby's death, another retired KGB officer noted that the Philby case was remarkable in that it had ended without the death or prosecution of any members of the spy-ring. There were no trials, no shootings, no "accidents". Everyone got away, he said.

Soviet interest in Philby, as in espionage of all varieties, has been heightened recently with the selective application of glasnost to that most se-cretive of all Soviet institutions, the KGB. And the streets are likely to be empty tonight when the film goes out. Last year the KGB established a press office at its notorious headquarters, the Lubyanka, and a volume of KGB case histories has just



Kim Philby: Found in bad psychological state

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By Philip Howard

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Philby turned traitor, It argues ute was paid to the Soviet Union's wartime and post-war that Philby could not be undercover agents in this considered a traitor during the week's Victory Day cere-monies marking the 45th the Soviet Union were allies, anniversary of the end of the and it hints of his loneliness war. One of the documents and dissatisfaction with the released to the film-makers by Soviet Union in later life.

the KGB was a report on the secret flight of Rudolf Hess to Scotland in 1940 and his apparent attempt to conclude separate peace with the Western allies. It made clear that information about the flight, which was kept secret by the British authorities, reached Stalin within three days, thanks to Philby. Commenting on the release

of the document, a Soviet newspaper report contrasted what it called the glasnost of the KGB with the withholding by Britain of all Philby-related documents until the 21st century.

Soviet viewers will not be getting an entirely heroic account of Philby's career when they switch on their televisions at 7.10 this evening. that Philby was in a "very bad physical and, psychological state" when she first met him. She could not bear to leave him because he was "like a sick child", she said.

The film also touches on the complexities of international Channel 4 version.

EC-Iran talks on hostages

could be done by telling Tehran that the Community would be happy to co-operate if it used its influence with the hostage takers in Lebanon.

Community foreign ministers strongly condemned Ayatollah Khomeini's fatwa calling for the killing of Mr Rushdie last year, describing it an unacceptable incitement to murder. At Britain's urging, they withdrew their ambassadors from Tehran, leading to a similar withdrawal of Iranian envoys. But most ambassadors returned soon afterwards. Britain, however, still has no diplomatic relations with Iran, after Tehran's break with London in March, 1989, in protest at British reaction to the Ayatollah Khomeini's murder call.

The Iranian official who has been handling contacts with Dublin, Mr Mahmoud Vaezi, was involved in talks with Britain in 1988. He reached an agreement with Sir David Miers, then a senior Foreign Office official, to restore full

The EC is eager to normalize relations with Iran, and has been encouraged by recent overtures, as well as the release of two American hostages. Dublin has been active in trying to build on the changed atmosphere.

Political sketch

At the court of Prince Michael

one thing everyone at Westminster was agreed. Michael Heseltine wasn't there. Yet he dominated Prime Minister's Questions like Banquo's ghost, most tangible to those who feared him most. "Where is he?" they shouted.

Who knows? All we knew was that the Member for Henley had been spread across the front page of The Times that morning with his own proposals for a review of the poll tax; that everyone had trooped in for the argument; but that the cause of it had not himself turned up. Speculation was rife as to why. Some thought it an intentional snub; others a courtesy to Mrs Thatcher to stay away; one growl of "wimp" was heard.

Your sketchwriter has a different view. There are seductions and there are seductions, and some of the most delicious are the longest-drawn-out: patient, careful, teasing affairs. After all, Michael Heseltine knows how to ravage. Hundreds of thousands of Tory ladies can testify to that. At conference after conference he has swept down to the seaside, taken them by storm, and swept

But to have your way with a great parliamentary party needs a different style. You are dealing with a worldly creature, not easily flattered, often deceived in the past, and used to disappointment. Slow to arouse and suspicious of the easy smile, this is not creature to be taken at first

Mr Heseltine knows it. Yet he is not to be spurned. This is the love of his life, the big one, the match he was made for. So he is proceeding with infinite care. There was an angry outburst four years ago — to stake his claim — then a long silence. Was this the exile of the broken-hearted? No. After a year or more, tittle gifts started arriving. Simple things — nothing extravagant: a flowering bush

for a colleague's garden, an offer to grace a constituency dinner or unveil a centenary plaque, a shy smile in the Members' Tea Room, or the tennis of politics - a jolly afternoon's canvassing in a

The Party began to warm

exile and to others he was the slowly. This was, one heard it Prince of Darkness, but on murmured, the older sort of man - but with experience. and a romantic flair which

was rather winning. Mr Heseltine persisted, but patiently. When the Party went though a difficult patch before the last election he was the soul of loyalty. Seitless, wanting only the Party's happiness, he devoted himself to campaigning - energetic but low-profile - on its

In small ways, perhaps, he, threw or caught a glance of two across a crowded room but always in company. There was the dock-labour scheme - he was fearless in support of the Right. Winding up the ILEA, too, found him shoulder to the wheel with the "dries". But the Party is not without its visionary side, and believers in Europe sensed they had his sympathy.

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MTEREST SATES

Last autumn it was time for the next, cautious step. He came down to see the Party at the seaside, in Blackpool. He didn't stay, of course: it was a courtesy call: one night at a little hostelry called the Grand Theatre, where he entertained the Party. Yet we noticed something new in his. tone: something bold ...

And he left. Yet, not so many weeks later, there were rumours. Friends of Sir Anthony wondered if Michael would propose the toast at a little shindig they were organizing. Prudently, he would have nothing to do with it. But that didn't stop the rumours about his intentions.

They were pure, he in-sisted. He insisted and insisted. But the glances in the Tea Room became more lingering. Once we caught him staring.
And now that 'propo

sition'. It was all in The Times. We must not be indelicate. A word like foreplay' has no place in this newspaper. If anything at all occurred, the tablecloth hid it. And what, anyway, is a hand on the knee, tentatively placed and swiftly removed? It could have been a mistake, an accidental brush, a playful pat, nothing at all.

But Mr Heseltine was wise, at Westminster yesterday, not to come into breakfast.

Matthew Parris

Thatcher defends Rifkind

A FLURRY of speculation MP for Tayside North, were over the future of Mr Malcolm Riskind, the Secretary of State ing of the Scottish Conservative Party conference in Aberdeen yesterday, Tory leaders were forced on

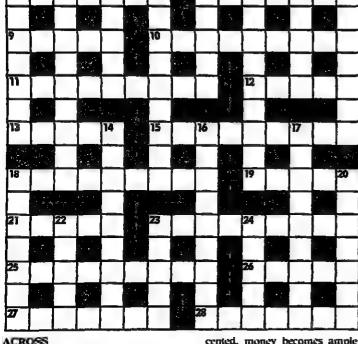
to the defensive by wellfounded reports that a number of right-wing Scottish Tory MPs, led by Mr Bill Walker,

angling for Mr Rifkind's replacement by Mr Michael tish party chairman.

The affair gained such currency yesterday that Mrs Margaret Thatcher was forced to intervene and pay tribute to Mr Rifkind in the Commons.

Conference reports, page 6

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ACROSS

- 1 Fish taken to wharf (7). 5 First form about to drop a
- 9 Frighten a novice with a gun (5). 10 Unreservedly offered at eye level (2.3.4).
- 11 Ague necessitates admitting men to hospital (3.6).

 12 Appreciate little Italian number
- 13 Denial we hear straight from the horse's mouth (5). 15 Turned red, perhaps, or blue
- (3.6).18 Where Gaelic was spoken. English had not started to spread
- 19 Child takes me about it sym-21 Frenchman with a point to
- make again (5). 23 A little money advanced: if ac-

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25 Hen bird losing its head — the heather is calling (9).
26 Scotsman falls into the river qui-27 Other people objectively accept

roundabout proposition (7).

28 This could make me a lord (7). DOWN 1 Listen to a number cheer (7). 2 Thunderous notes introduce the ascending Muses (9).

3 It loves speed (5). 4 Fell very low (5-4). 5 A subject many aspiring teachers hate, specially in the beginning

6 Vessel repaired in base depot 7 An airborne unit is frightening

8 Builder, 2 Cockney fellow, ruined his lady, they say (7). 14 Cases with holes in them can't stand close scrutiny (4.5).

16 Shag. I feel, could be treated as a predatory bird (4.5). 17 Immediately (3.2.4).

18 The most difficult Latin is set first (7). 20 Within a very short distance, a son of local fellow (7).

22 In the main, it resembles 23 Trojan gets the wind up in the 24 Become thin and light (5).

Concise crossword, page 22

Patchy mist or fog will WEATHER clear quickly from all but east coast areas of Scotland. The rest of Scotland, Northern Ireland and north-west England will be fine with broken cloud and sunny spells. Thunder showers will develop over central, southern and eastern areas of England, dying out later. Thicker cloud and light rain will spread into south-west England and South Wales during the day. Outlook: Some showery rain, mainly in the West.

While speculating on what made Philby become a spy

(rather than remaining just a

communist sympathizer), the

film does not elucidate pre-

cisely how he came to work for

the Russians, nor does it cast

any more light on exactly how

he was able to escape from Beirut to the Soviet Union by

ship in 1963 after an espionage

been made now, the producer,

Mr Rostislav Andreyev, said

yesterday that "the KGB had

offered the documents", but

While Soviet viewers enjoy

two hours of The Cambridge

Graduate this evening, British

audiences will see only one

hour of Comrade Philby when

it is screened on Channel 4 on

rigan, managing director of London-based Walberry

Productions, who helped ar-

range the co-production, in-

sisted last night no substantial

information about the spy

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he did not elaborate.

Asked why the film had

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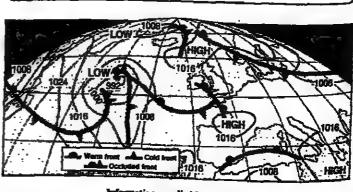


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THREE of Britain's biggest companies yesterday revealed restructuring plans that will result in the loss of almost 7,000 jobs.

The bulk of the job losses come

from British Telecom, which is to shed up to 5,000 jobs, mainly among

middle managers, to try to become

Imperial Tobacco, the Hanson

Imperial Tobacco, the Hanson cigarette-making subsidiary, whose brands include Regal, Embassy, John Player and Lambert and Butler, is cutting 1,240 jobs as it invests £40 million in state-of-the-art cigar- and cigarette-making mathematical that are the control of times are

chines that are up to 10 times as

Grand Metropolitan's wine and

efficient as the old equipment.

more efficient.

Warning

by GKN hits

shares

By Graham Searjeant Figureial Editor

SHARES in GKN, the motor components and industrial

services group, fell 31p to

366p after Mr David Lees, the

chairman, gave warning that profits for the first four months of the year were lower

than a year ago. He told the group's annual

meeting that demand had

deteriorated further in most

markets since he wrote a

gentler warning after an-nouncing the 1989 results two

Shares in Lucas dropped

20p to 591p in sympathy and T&N lost 2p after an annual

meeting statement confirming job losses and lower demand for motor components.

Demand is slack in Britain

and US, both in the commercal vehicle and car markets,

though not on the Continent. in March, GKN announced

250 redundancies at its Hardy.

Spicer components plant in

Birmingham costing about £4 million. It has also suffered from industrial action at two

Ford plants in Britain and

GKN's scaffolding busi-

nesses in Britain and Australia

and smaller home improve-

ment businesses in the UK

have have also seen pressure

But Mr Lees stressed that

profits were still comfortably

ahead of the first months of

1988. The first half of 1989

had been particularly buoyant for GKN, with pre-tax profits

rising from £84 million to £110 million, much faster

But Mr Peter Deighton,

analyst at County Natwest WoodMac, said: "It is hardly

surprising that profits are

lower than a year ago, but it is

typical of GKN to say it as it

is. David Lees is a very

straight guy."
CNW has cut its 1990 profit

forecast from £235 million but

still expects a rise for the full year from £215 million to

about £220 million if the US

and British car and truck

He said the share price fall

presented an ideal chance to

buy for the long term, when

higher Japanese car produc-

tion in Britain as well as a

Only about 6 per cent of

GKN's sales now go to motor

manufacturers in Britain,

following expansion into con-

tinental and North American

markets and diversification

into industrial services.

GKN's defence business,

which is concentrated on ve-

hicles, is still thought to be

doing well.

strong continental market.

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7,000 jobs go in three shake-ups

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ouncement last March of the most

Executive Editor David Brewerton

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Market report, page 30

Sears in slide to £231m

SEARS, the retail group, has been badly hit by high interest rates with lower-than-expected pre-tax profits of £231 million (£273 million) in the

year to January.
Sales were £2.1 billion (£2.78 billion) and earnings 11.1p (12.3p). The final divi-dend was 3.83p, making 5.35p for the year, up 5 per cent.

Mr Geoffrey Maitland Smith, chairman, said sales in the first quarter of this year were good, boosted by strong Easter trading and the recent hot weather. Tempos, page 24

German jobless

East Germany is to face a nine-fold increase in unemployment by August from its present 65,000, according to a study by the East German Unemployment Association. It is set to reach 600,000 after currency union on July 2, as a result of mass redundancies and closures of state-owned

Kohl demand, page 24

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The Bank issued a strong

could be stuck close to 10 per cent this summer and end the year higher than forecast in the Budget, ruling out any hope of early cuts in interest rates.

The Bank's worrying pic-ture of higher and more persistant inflation than previously anticipated, especially where the underlying trend is concerned, emerges in the latest Quarterly Bulletin. It comes on the eve of

Government figures for April, published today, which are expected to show inflation surging to an eight-year high. The bulletin's unusual ex-

signal to the Government not to start to relax monetary policy too soon, even if today's inflation figure is better than expected.

City analysts expect the combined impact of the poll tax, higher utility prices and increases in exise duty to push the retail price index to an annual rate near to double figuresfrom 8.1 per cent in March, and taking it back above last year's 8.3 per cent

Like many City economists, the Bank does not expect the April inflation figure to be the highest this year, and foresees the peak in the months ahead.

warning to wage negotiators

jump, as doing so would lift British costs well above those

down having brought the fall in unemployment to a virtual end, it said wage moderation would be "crucial" if a reversal of the downward trend is to

lag before underlying inflation starts to follow the RPI lower could be as long as 18 months. But the Bank made clear that its concern was not

confined to wage costs, and it invited the Government to address the potentially inflationary pressure arising from plicitness was interpreted as a the 10 per cent decline in the exchange rate since last year.

see headline inflation falling by the end of the year, it does "unbelpful," adding that it not expect it to come down to the 7.25 per cent Mr John Major, the Chancellor, pre-dicted in the Budget for the tion more "recalcitrant." "These prospects mean that

ness in the retail sales and current account figures, the Bank is convinced that monetary policy is sufficiently tight to maintain downward pres-

Demand growth abroad. while domestic demand has slowed considerably over the sweeping changes to its corporate structure since privatization in 1984. BT is to split itself into two main divisions, servicing residential and business customers. BT is expected to save £100 million on an annualized basis from

the management job cuts, which in the first year will be equivalent to its outlay in redundancy and compensation payments. It will save between £400 million and £500 million in total from the expected 30,000 blue-collar redundancies.

Mr Iain Vallance, chairman, refused to unveil the terms of the "early release scheme" for managers, but said that he thought it would be "attractive for those who do not have a place in the new

Under the Operation Scoop restructuring, BT is to scrap its 27 geographical districts, each with its own management structure, replacing them with a personal communications division focusing on individual customers within nine regions in the UK and a business communications division, with five geographical sectors.

Worldwide Networks, with three main UK sectors, will bring together BT's UK and international networks to better service the "multinational customer,"

"We will focus particularly on the types of customers we can't serve well enough now," Mr Vallance said, pointing to "information-intensive characters."

The City fears that the new structure, with far fewer staff directly responsible for bottom-line profitability. could harm the business.

 There was one bright spot in employment yesterday, with British Airways announcing that it is to create more than 700 jobs by establishing a new £35 million sales and manage-ment centre at Newcastle-upon-Tyne (Peter Davenport writes).

The centre will be built on nine acres of the Newcastle Business Park being developed by Tyne and Wear Development Corporation. The first staff are due to move into the premises in October next year.

Bank signals fears over 10% inflation

Distillers and Vintners, is cutting its workforce by 400 as it rationalizes production facilities.

5,000 middle managers by April next year in a radical restructuring

scheme intended to create "a leaner

and more supple organization." BT shares fell 3½p to 254p on the news.

tor employer, also confirmed that at

least 5,000 more blue-collar workers are to lose their jobs this year.

City analysts and institutions say

they expect BT to lay off at least 30,000 of its 240,000 workforce in

the next three years, including the

5,000 workers to go this year. BT

The move, which will force 20 per

refused to confirm this yesterday.

BT, Britain's biggest private-sec-

British Telecom is to shed up to

By Colin Narbrough, Economics Correspondent

THE Bank of England not to be guided by the exports, and destocking fears that annual inflation "temporarily misleading" RPI should lead to a "substantial of its overseas competitors. With the economic slow-

> be avoided. The Bank believes that the

It described the fall as was a combination of the drop in sterling and labour cost pressure that had made infla-

there is little chance of any significant reduction in interest rates for some time." Despite the recent uneven-

sure on inflation.

past year, had boosted British



Dick Giordann, chairman, at BOC's Windlesham, Surrey, HQ after reporting first-haif pre-tax profits 12 per cent up at £170 million on turnover 15 per cent ahead at £1.42 billion. The second dividend is a forecast 9.5p (Tempus, page 24).

BOC steady at £170m

B&C rescue operation is speeded up

By Angela Mackay

UNDER pressure from its creditors, British & Commonwealth, the ailing financial services group, has accelerated plans for a rescue and issued a warning that creditors who do not rank as "senior" will receive nothing if it went into

B&C will be presenting draft proposals to bigger stockholders, shareholders and banking creditors that is designed to keep the group trading over two years and allow it to "substantially pay off senior creditors."

These include 200 banks that are owed between £300 and £400 million, in addition to bond holders holding £72 million of guaranteed securi-ties and £230 million of unsecured loan stock.

The banks are believed to be under pressure from the Bank of England to support B&C.

A profits fall for début

improvement" in the trade

buoyancy in consumer de-

mand, the Bank sees higher

mortgage rates and the poll tax

continuing to restrain private

consumption. It also finds

evidence that companies have

started to make a more de-

cisive adjustment to weaker

demand and increased finan-

It believes that much of the

stock building since interest

rates started to rise in 1988 has

been involuntary and will be

run off this year or next. Fixed

investment is also seen to be

Though the Bank expects to

underlying rate of inflation possibly failing to ease as

quickly since carnings will

continue to rise even after

headline inflation has peaked.

Banknotes in circulation

rose an adjusted 9.2 per cent

in the week to May 9 over the

equivalent week a year ago,

suggesting M0, the target

money measure, is still grow-

ing at more than 7 per cent a

year. The official target growth

range is 1-5 per cent.

After doubts about renewed

balance, it noted.

cial pressure.

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final quarter.

By Our City Staff

WIGGINS Teape Appleton, the specialist international carbonless and thermal paper group, will be launched on the stock market on June 1 as the biggest British-owned paper group, thanks to BAT Industries' unbundling plans. Shareholders in BAT will receive one share in WTA for

every three in BAT. But Mr Stephen Walls, who will be chairman and chief executive of the new independent group, revealed it will start life on the back of a 9 per cent fall in trading profits to £59.4 million in the first quarter of this year, after four

successive years of rising profits. The contrast between the falling paper cycle and the perceived unique quality of WTA as an independent group has already produced some confusion over its likely rating in the market.

Property firm's withdrawal leaves East End plan in tatters

200p, valuing WTA at about £1 billion (or 67p per BAT share). But the valuation may A net dividend of 8.35p per not be quite enough to gain immediate entry into the FTSE 100 share index.

iaries, previously run sepa-rately, in Europe and the US. On a pro forma basis, allowing for £168 million of debt, pretax profits for 1989 would



share is forecast for 1990 and WTA has promised a progres-

sive dividend policy. WTA brings together the In 1989, paper manufac-two main BAT paper subsid-iaries, previously run sepa-million of the £201 million trading profit, with eucalyptus pulp operations in Spain and Portugal providing £53 million and an extensive paper merchanting operation £14 million.

The Appleton paper in-terests in North America, which have 50 per cent of the carbonless paper market, accounted for £93 million of the 1989 trading profit.

Mr Walls said it might not be a bad thing to launch the company when profits were falling because it would enable WTA to show how well it could do compared with its competitors in a difficult market.

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The 494 million shares are Poor start: Stephen Walls most likely to trade at about

Stanhope deals Docklands new blow

By Matthew Bond

STANHOPE Properties has withdrawn from an £800 million scheme to redevelop a 260-acre site in London's Royal Docks, one of the largest development sites in London. The withdrawal leaves in tatters the

London Docklands Development Corporation's plans to regenerate one of the most neglected areas of the East End. The deteriorating property market has already forced the LDDC to postpone

plans to sell 120 acres of land it owned in the Revals. Money raised by these sales was going to be put towards the £250 million cost of extending the Docklands Light Railway to the Royals.

Adding to the LDDC's problems, John Mowlern, the contractor, has said it will shut its loss-making City airport unless it is given the go-ahead to land the BAe-146 jet. The East London river crossing, on which much of the area's future

prosperity relies, faces another public inquiry this summer. With the withdrawal of the USMquoted Stanhope, only one of three original schemes proposed for the Royal Docks is still active.

Stanhope had originally gone into the Royals in partnership with Rosehaugh, through their joint vehicle Rosehaugh-Stanhope Developments. But Rosehaugh withdrew at the beginning of the

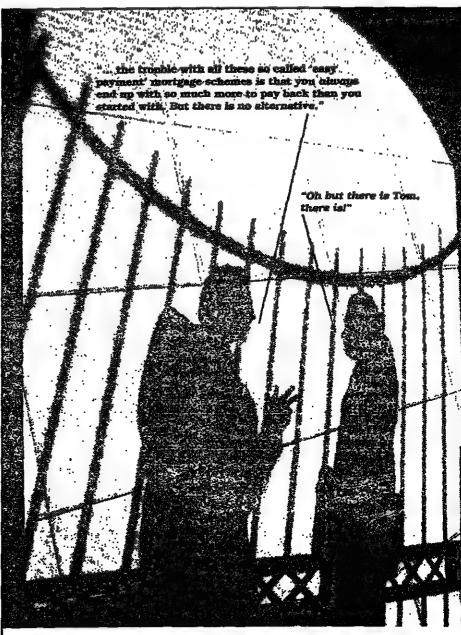
Since then Stanhope has been nego-tiating with the LDDC to come up with a commercial proposal for the 130 acres that would have made up the first phase of the development. In 1988, the architect Mr Richard Rogers produced a scheme for 3.5 million sq ft of space. involving a shopping centre, business park and marina.

It had been thought that the presence of Olympia & York, developer of Canary Wharf, as a 33 per cent shareholder in Stanhope, would have encouraged the company to conclude a deal. Negotiations between the two are thought to have foundered on what

Stanhope was prepared to pay for the land and what it wanted to build on it. When discussions between the LDDC and what was then R-SD began in 1988, the LDDC might have hoped to get about £750,000 an acre. raising close to £200 million, or £100 million for phase

one. In today's property market it would be doing well to get half that The LDDC also wanted Stanhope to press ahead with the original plans for a 1.5 million sq ft regional shopping centre, but in the present property climate the 1 million sq ft business park might have made more sense.

Despite the ending of negotiations. Mr Michael Honey, the LDDC chief executive, remains committed to the area's regeneration: "The Royal Docks is the prime development area in London."



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British Shoe puts boot into Sears

SEARS, the retailing group which owns Selfridges, could do with a few customers like Imelda Marcos. Its biggest problem is British Shoe Corporation, which includes Saxone, Dolcis and Freeman Hardy Willis and which is suffering from a surfeit of

Profits from British Shoe fell by £39 million to just over £50 million and were a main factor in the downturn in Sears results as a whole. Pretax profits for the group fell from £273 million to £231 million for the year to January 1990 on sales of £2.1 billion, down from £2.78 billion.

Earnings per share fell from 12.3p to 11.1p and the final dividend is 3.83p making 5.35p for the year as a whole, up 5 per cent. Trading profits sell from £278 million to £200 million but pre-tax profits benefited from a drop in the interest charge from £36.3 result of the sale of William Hill, the betting chain, and an £18 million incresse in other

income from property.

Property profits fell from £72.7 million to £56.8 million mostly as a result of Gailiford Sears, the housebuilding sub-

Sears has taken steps to rationalize British Shoc shops will be closed and the likely to rise dramatically in chains and management have the short term but are underbeen reorganized. The cost of pinned by net assets of 90p a the reorganization will be £15 share. Assuming profits of million and Sears expects to £180 million this year, they reap £30 million from the sale are trading on a p/e multiple of the shops. But many believe of just over 10. it is too little, too late.

Selfridges, which made £25 million last year, is worth at MANY British companies are least £300 million on its own. Mappin & Webb and Garrard, the jewelry businesses, would strength to strength. After a be mapped up in a first if they rise of 7 per cent in the first



Shoe-shocked: Geoffrey Maitland Smith (left), chairman of Sears, with Michael Pickard, the chief executive

ever came on to the market. But the retailing businesses are overshadowed by British Shoe and until Sears can prove sidiary where profits more that its strategy for that busi-than halved to £13.6 million. ness is correct the City will remain sceptical. The shares, down 3½p at 88½p, are un-

As a group Sears is stuffed full of valuable businesses. BOC Group

running into problems, but the BOC Group is going from strength to strength. After a

uarter, BOC's profits rose by 18 per cent in the second. That left the pre-tax total 12 per cent up at £170 million for the six months to March and earnings per share 13 per cent higher at 23.8p.

According to the company, the increase was not the result of favourable currency movements, acquisitions, asset disposals or its longstanding pension holiday. While the rise in the sales of industrial gases, which provide threequarters of profits, slowed to just 3 to 4 per cent by volume in North America and Europe, this was offset by double-digit volume growth in the Far East, where BOC has 14 plants under construction in a bid to keep up with demand. Mr Dick Giordano,

chairman and chief executive, does not see a recession in BOC's cumamer-base within the next 12 months and. anyway, the gases business has defensive qualities. Cylinder rental and take or pay contracts account for between a third and a half of turnover, which protects revenues from

a downswing in demand.

Moreover, only 15 per cent of bottled gases go into heavy industries such as steelmaking and heavy chemicals, com-pared with about half a decade food distribution, which is relatively recession proof. The first-half results were a

touch above expectations, though analysts are sticking with forecasts of full-year

profits of £370 million and earnings of 53p, implying a prospective p/e ratio of under 10 with the shares up 3p at 510p. Given that the proposal to hive off off its US healthcare business could add 100p to the share price on some estimates, the shares remain attractive.

Harrisons

& Crosfield

ago. New uses in refrigeration HARRISONS & Crosfield is have expanded markets in putting the bravest possible corporate face on its £113 million acquisition of Crossley Builders' Merchants. It is buying Crossley on an historic price/carnings ratio of 14.1 and will pay for the deal

through a one-for-live rights issue at 132p which will raise a net £147 million.

There could be some, though modest, earnings dilution this year because of the Crossley purchase and only a flat earnings picture in 1991. But H&C was determined to become Britain's market leader in the timber and building supplies field.

H&C has, meanwhile, out-lined its dividend (though not its profit) hopes for 1990 and suggests that it will be paying an interim dividend of 3.6p (3.4p) and a final of not less than 5.4p (5.1p).

The decision to fund Crossley via a rights issue rather than higher borrowings leaves H&C with roughly £34 million in spare cash from the rights money and allows the group to retain its flexibility to

Had it borrowed, H&C would have seen gearing rise from 45 per cent at the December 31 balance-sheet date to 70 per cent and interest cover fall from 7.8 times to 5 times. Under the rights issue route, gearing eases to 30 per cent and interest cover only comes down a few points to

More deals, though probably not as expensive, loom as H&C adds further to its core business segments of chemicals/industrial, food and agriculture and timber and building interests.

H&C argues that it is able to avoid the worst of the depression in the timber and builders' merchants industry because it will be serving the professional end of the market which, it suggests, is more

Pre-tax profit estimates of £150 million (£137 million) put the shares at 150p, down 10p, on a rating of 9.3, backed by a yield of 8 per cent. Hold.

BUSINESS ROUNDUP -Smith & Nephew up 5% in first quarter

PROFITS at Smith & Nephew, the surgical dressings and cosmetics group, rose by 5 per cent to £30.7 million before tax in the 12 weeks to March 24. Sales were 13 per cent higher at £172 million, though the company said the rise would have

been only 9 per cent without currency benefits.

The tax charge fell two points to 25 per cent. As a result, fully-diluted earnings per share, up 7 per cent at 2.05p, rose faster than pre-tax profits, despite a slight increase in the issued share capital. Smith & Nephew said it has made no provision for a successful legal action brought against it in the US by Polteco, a Californian company. It intends to appeal.

Camford for MD sacked Markheath

THE board of Camford Engincering has finally surrend-ered and recommended the £70 million hostile bid by Markheath Securities, al-though still saying that the final offer undervalued its prospects and properties. Earlier, Markheath had said that it had bought, or had valid acceptances for, 50.4 per cent. The bid was dectared unconditional.

at Rush

MR NIGEL Dunnett, the managing director of Rush & Tompkins, the builder, was one of 800 staff made redundant this week. The names of the other directors being dismissed are, for the moment, being witheld. Touche-Ross, acting as receiver, estimates Rush & Tompkins: and its joint venture companies owe their banks more than £300 million.

Allied to raise £4.1m

ALLIED Leisure, the USM ten-pin bowling company, is raising £4.12 million by an underwritten one-for-three rights issue at 100p a share to expand its leisure businesses. It is forecasting pre-tax profits for the year to July of not less than £2.5 million, well up from £960,000 last year and ahead of analysts' forecasts of £2.1 million.

Allied sold its Wimpy restaurants to Grand Metropolitan for £13 million in January. It plans to open a further four MegaBowl ten-pin bowling centres by the end of this year and has plans for a fourth night club. Allied's shares fell 4p to

Midsummer alleges libel

MIDSUMMER Leisure and Mr Adam Page, its chairman, have issued a writ against Mr Ronald Hart, a former director of of the company, alleging libel in connection with a press release issued by Mr Hart on May 7. European Leisure's bid for Midsummer closes today. To date, the bidder has claimed 34.3 per cent of Midsummer equity.

Profits rise at Shaxson

KING & Shaxson, the dis-count house, lifted profits, after tax and transfers to reserves, to £2 million in the year to end-April, compared to £1.7 million the year before. This is despite the rise in interest rates which traditionally reduces profits for discount houses. King is increasing its final dividend by 1p to 7.75p, making 10.25p, up 11 per cent.

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Kohl tells East Germany to end curbs on property

By Wolfgang Mänchau, European Business Correspondent

DR HELMUT Kohl, the West the Bundestag said: "Further ate jobs in East German Chancellor, insisted details of the state treaty are Germany, Meanwhile, numer-German Chancellor, insisted that East Germany must open its property markets to Westerners before German monetary union can proceed. His demands are likely to be opposed by East Germany, which is anxious to avoid a

property speculators. West and East Germany achieving monetary union by

July 2, as planned. British property developers, desperate to find an investment outlet in the wake of the crash in the domestic property market, are expressing interest in buying East German prop-erties. However, they face legal uncertainty and possible repossession if they make a

Dr Kohl, in an address to

still being negotiated and it is ous property advisers have set obvious to me that the cur- up offices in West Berlin in the rency swap is indissolubly hope of moving into linked to an overall agreement undeveloped market. of the state treaty."

reunification arrangement bemassive influx of foreign tween the two governments ownership is not allowed by the East German constitution, except for individuallyowned, one-family homes. Dr Kohl indicated that the East German government should make interim arrangements to allow Westerners to buy

Dr Kohl's office has con-

hope of moving into an as yet-

Dr Hans Hellberg, chief The treaty refers to the executive of the German operations of Jones Lang Wootton, the British property property speculators. under the Basic Law, which agent that opened a Berlin

Dr Kohl's stance could proguarantees the freedom of office just over two months prices in East Berlin, Dresden and Leipzig would achieve West German levels within two or three years.

However, he gave a warning that legal uncertainty over property titles could still prove an obstacle for Western

In the 1950s, East Germany firmed that a possible com-promise could involve merous properties, which granting permission only to were reallocated to East Ger-investors who invest and cre-man citizens.

Annual Meeting of Shareholders

The Annual Meeting of Shareholders will be held on Thursday, June 28, 1990, 10:00 a.m. at the BASF Feierabendhaus, Leuschnerstraße 47 Ludwigshafen/Rhine, West Germany

1. Presentation of the Financial Statements of BASF Aktiengesellschaft and BASF Group for 1989, presentation of the 1989 Annual Report covering BASF Aktiengesellschaft and the BASF Group; presentation of the Supervisory Board Report.

2. Declaration of dividend.

3. Ratification of the actions of

the Supervisory Board. 4. Ratification of the actions of the Board of Executive Directors.

5. Appointment of auditors. 6. Election of a member of the Supervisory Board.

Shareholders wishing to participate in the Annual Meeting and to exercise their right to vote must have deposited their shares during normal office hours and in the prescribed form at a depository bank. The shares should remain deposited until the conclusion of the Annual Meeting. Shareholders have the right to vote by proxy. Depository banks and the full Agenda are published in the "Bundesanzeiger" of the German Federal Republic Nr. 88 of May 11, 1990.

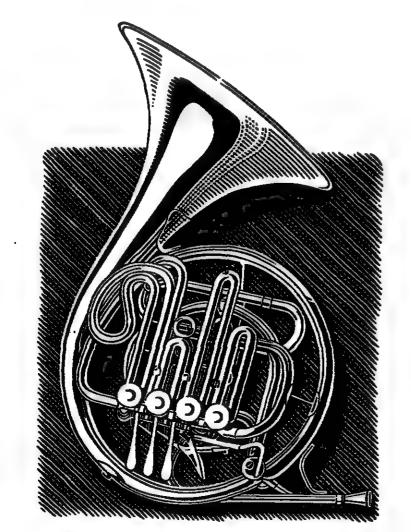
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Depository banks in the U.K.: Morgan Grenfell & Co. Limited S.G. Warburg & Co. Ltd.

The deposit is only effective if the shares are submitted by Wednesday, June 20, 1990.

The Board of Executive Directors Ludwigshafen/Rhine, May 11, 1990

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buying Crossley Builders' its shares and a debt assumption of £57.7 million, making an overall £113 million, and an exit p/e ratio of 14.1 times.

At present, Crossley is the leavest the state of the 132p a share to raise a net £147 million.

Mr George Paul, H&C's chief executive, said the deal complements the group's Har-cros timber and building supplies division, and claims the deal will propel H&C from fourth to first in British timber

and building supplies. However, H&C's market leadership claims were, dis-puted last night by Meyer International, which said it had a combined turnover in this field of £750 million with

HARRISONS & Crossied is the basis of £55.3 million for sixth largest builders' mer-chant in Britain in terms of turnover, with 112 branches.

The combined division would have sales of £512 million and 248 branches, and make H&C number two in the Republic of Ireland, number five in Australia, and number 20 in the US timber and building supplies market.

In the year ended December, Crossley carned operating profits of £12.3 million on a turnover of £203.9 million. Mr Paul admitted that H&C

bidders for Crossley, though insisted that H&C had not paid more than it had agreed because of the competitive situation. It was a unique opportunity for us to develop. You do not buy a quality business cheap." he said.

Analysts suggest the purchase and the rights issue will lead to modest earnings dilution for H&C this year.

Though H&C would not outline its profit expectations for 1990, it did forecast that it would pay an interim divi-dend of 3.6p (3.4p) and that it proposed to pay a final divi-dend of not less than 5.4p (5.1p), making a total of 9p for

the current financial year. H&C said the Crossley deal was unconditional as to poshad to fight off competitive sible referral to the Monopo

Mr Paul said the two busipesses would trade under the 'Harcros" name and that because both had a similar customer profile that the deal would strengthen Harcros'

national network. It was a principal objective of H&C to build a strong market position in each of its core businesses, and with this in mind Crossley would be a good fit, Mr Paul added.

All H&C directors intend taking up their rights in full, either for themselves or for, their immediate families. H&C added yesterday that

February. year to date was a "little the overall performance in the

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Jaguar's Egan joins board of Berisford

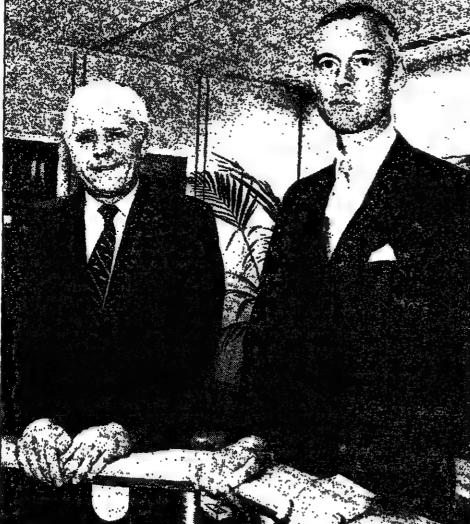
SIR John Egan, who is to retire as chairman of Jaguar at the end of June following its takeover by Ford, is joining the board of Bensford Inter-national, the British Sugar

Sir John said: "I'm joining in a non-executive role and really I'm supporting John Sclater, the chairman, who is a colleague of mine on another board, Foreign and Colonial.

"I'm looking forward to getting to know the business. From what I've seen, there are some splendid businesses in among the Berisford group." Also joining Berisford as a non-executive director is Dr Brian Smith, formerly chairman of MB Group.

Berisford also announced the appointment of two executive directors, Mr Peter Jackson, managing director of British Sugar, and Mr Peter Butler, finance director of

Berisford is currently facing large losses on its New York property portfolio and is hoping that the rival sugar giant. Tate & Lyle, will launch a takeover bid.



Berisford recruit: Sir John Egan, left, with John Sciater, chairman, yesterday

BP reduces its gearing to 39%

BRITISH Petroleum is paying a March quarterly dividend of 3.95p after first-quarter replacement cost profits of £361 million against £381 million.

The December quarterly payment was also 3.95p a share, although, in the first quarter of 1989, the threemonth dividend was 3.65p.

On an historical cost basis, March quarterly profits were £344 million compared with £608 million, leaving net earnings at 6.4p a share (10.3p). BP says that the latest quarter included £17 million of stockholding losses, and the comparative previous quarter included £227 million of gains. Gearing has eased from 42 310p.

fresh talks about a possible not to pay attention to other sale of its stake in the Australing, which would probably realize \$600 million. The sale interests that BP Minerals sold Britain's largest trust.

to RTZ last year. down at £63 million (£163 offer. At a fixed price of 191p million), had probably now reached the bottom, BP said.

BP shares traded 5p lower at

BCPF appeals to Globe investors

Trust, the index tracking fund

per cent at the December year- THE British Coal Pension end to 39 per cent, and BP has Funds have appealed to invesso far "booked" \$1.6 billion of tors to treat their £1.03 billion its intended \$2.8 billion of hostile bid for Globe Investasset sales planned for 1990. ment Trust as a "straight commercial transaction," and

ian Olympic Dam project with its joint partner, Western Min-executive of CIN Management which runs the funds, was speaking on the launch of was finally held back from the the offer document for Globe,

"It is now for shareholders Profits from chemicals, to decide on the merits of the it is very attractive in a volatile market," he said. The document also gives details of Malvern UK Index

CIN is offering as an alternative to the cash offer. Malvern will be run by Edinburgh Fund Managers, which is con-trolled by the Coal Board via British Investment Trust. The Coal Board is paying

listing fees for the new trust, but investors will have to pay management fees of 0.25 per cent. The fund needs to attract at least £10 million or 200 shareholders to be launched.

A Globe telephone poll of shareholders found about a quarter oppose the bid. But they represent only 5 per cent of the shares and the outcome will be decided by 10 mstimtional shareholders.

THE TIMES CITY DIARY

Got any old tiles, Guy?

BEHIND Harrisons & Cros-field's decision to buy Bo-water's builders merchant subsidiary, Crossley, for £113 million lies a carefully planned covert operation. Given that Bowater was adamant that its Crossley employees should not be aware that the company was up for sale, and that Harrisons' directors were nevertheless determined to inspect each of its 112 depots, they carried out their factfinding missions incognito. And chief executive George Paul, normally instantly recognizable because of his tall, debonair and aristocratic demeanour, went to extraordinary lengths to disguise himself when he called in at 13 of Crossley's depots. Wearing a flat cap, scruffy trousers, and his grandfather's overcoat, he then set Crossley's employees the near impossible task of finding replacement roof tiles for his period country house in East Anglia. "I knew that they wouldn't have any but the good thing was that they were incredibly helpful and went to great lengths to locate a stock-ist," Paul, aged 50, quips. And his disguise was clearly convincing. After one such secret mission, he arrived at Humberside airport to return to Norwich and found himself next to an old friend, former Reckitt & Colman chairman Sir James Cleminson - these days chairman of the British Overseas Trade Board. "We sit on the Norwich Union board together, but when I greeted him he looked me up

and down in amazement,

wondering who this scruffy chap was," says Paul. "It was only when he studied my face he recognized me,"

■ AN INACCURATE drawing of an aeroplane, used in a South African Airways advertisement on the front page of the Financial Times yesterday. sent Rolls-Royce shares a penny or two higher. Bored market-makers were forecasting an imminent and sizeable order for Rolls-Royce engines - given that two engines were missing from the wing of the aforementioned plane. "Some people have even been attributing the strength of sterling to rumours of a large Rolls-Royce order," chuckled one market

Morrell at bay

A STAG weekend in Berlin has ended with John Morrell, who runs James Capel's fixed interest division, laid up in the Martin Luther hospital there.



"Couldn't we claim for weather damage like everybody else?"

Morrell, a bachelor, described by his City colleagues as "a bit crusty at times but otherwise lively and a bon viveur," suffered a heart attack half way through the stag celebrations. A party of well-wishers

who had intended to visit him this weekend have, I am told, been deterred from doing so after Morrell, who is recovering well and clearly once again good humour, accused. them of wanting to make the journey just so that they could visit a local night club. We, and his many City friends, wish him a full and speedy recovery.

• FROM a Surrey insurance broker's circular: "Man is the only creature who spends twothirds of his lifetime saving up for old age and the last third denying that it has arrived."

Swingaoar feat ONE of the most impressive flotations BZW has been involved in all year was successfully completed yesterday when Simon Woods, head of research in BZW's Singapore office, became the first person to row single-handed round the island of Singapore. Hoping to navigate the 70 nautical mile course (approximately 80 land miles) in less than 24 hours, he actually managed to complete it in 15hrs 6min. His feat - which left him complaining of sunburn and a sore posterior — is expected to have raised more than Sin\$1 million (£320,000) for six children's charities, and was done as part of the 25th anniversary celebrations of the founding of the Republic of Singapore. Woods, aged 36, deserves special praise since he has,

since childhood, suffered from polio and can walk only with the aid of crutches.

• ANOTHER in the never ending but ever deteriorating series, comes from a reader in Maidenhead, Berkshire about the Scottish minister called Mr Marks, who named his dog Spencer so his flock could say: "Here comes Mr Marks and Spencer."

Butt of humour MRS Thatcher's favourite

housebuilder, Sir Lawrie Barratt, who last year retired as chairman of Barratt Developments to assume the role of life president, is about to have his bluff unceremoniously called by 13 Yorkshire farmers. Barratt, the owner of the 4,280-acre Farndale Estate on tile North Yorkshire Moots which he uses solely for grouse shooting - had hoped to buy an adjacent 2,000-acre valley in which the aforementioned farmers reside. And, since they had bought their properties for a fraction of their true market value from Yorkshire Water two years ago, he offered them 50 per cent more than they had originally paid. Having already dismissed this offer as "derisory and ridicu-lous," today is their official deadline for acceptance. But word from the Yorkshire dales is that they will, to a man, decline. With characteristic Yorkshire humour they have also turned the tables on Barratt. For they intend to offer to buy his Farndale Estate for 50 per cent more than the £1.5 million he paid in 1982.

Carol Leonard

GA loses £80.9m after storms

By Our City Staff

THE violent storms which rought more than £110 million of damage worldwide this winter has pushed General Accident, the composite insurer, to a loss of £80,9 million in the first three months of the

This compares with a pre-tax profit of £54.9 million in the first quarter of 1989.

The biggest losses were caused by the storms in Britain during January and February

General Accident made an underwriting loss of £80.2 million, after a profit of £10.2 million last year.

The losses were sharply higher than the figures fore-cast by the group just in Mr Nelson Robertson, chief general manager, said this was

because the group had under-assessed the continuing damage done by later storms, and the costs of reinstating urance premiums. The group also made under-

writing losses in all its international divisions, including a £29.5 million deficit in the US, £11.1 million worse than

Only General Accident's Canadian subsidiary im-proved, with £4.6 million of losses, down from £5.6 million.

Elsewhere, the group struggled with other weather damage and tougher competition The losses occurred despite

a 11 per cent increase in premium income to £783 They were eased slightly by

a 2 per cent surge in invest-ment income to £105 million, but this was held back by the number of claims the insurer was forced to settle in the The flood of claims also

knocked 20 per cent off General Accident's net asset value, which ended the quarter at 955p a share.

Mr Robertson said the company was reviewing its in-surance premiums after the losses, and had increased its motor policy prices by 5 per cent this month. He did not rule out another

rise before the year-end. "We are starting off from a poor base this year, even though 75 per cent of the deterioration is due to storm damage," said Mr Robertson.
"I'm touching wood that there won't be another storm

COMMENT

Anecdotal evidence versus the wisdom of Salomon profits gains to come from efficiency increases. Imperial is a victim of the welcome (though not to Hanson) trend of

been more true than today. In the four short days since the May Day holiday, the news from the industrial front has been almost wholly bad. British Telecom will be shedding up to 5,000 employees, Hanson is losing 1,200 people at its Imperial Tobacco plants at Bristol.

Jobs are at risk on Merseyside and GKN is warning that first half profits are under ressure. British Petroleum profits are under pressure. British Petroleum profits fell sharply in the first quarter and a weak chemicals market is likely to hit profits through the year. Sears profits were down, 800 people are losing their jobs because Rush & Tompkins has gone broke. The situation at British & Commonwealth gets worse by the day and Standard Chartered had little but gloom to report at

its annual meeting. In Washington, the Chancellor repeated his interest rate patter while the Bank of England is warning of inflation coming close to 10 per cent. The publication of the Retail Price Index today will do nothing to lighten the darkness which seems to surround industry on every side.

In the face of all that, it would be easy to be miserable, but curiously the overall picture is not nearly so bad as the sad anecdotes would suggest. In the case of the job losses and profits warnings, there is in virtually every case a specific reason other than general economic malaise, British Telecom was floated on the basis of the

industries such as aerospace and electronics and by direct foreign investment, particularly in the motor and electronics industries. According to Salomon, which has a reasonable global view, the UK is being viewed as a western equivalent of Hong Kong, UK labour costs are relatively low, skill standards relatively high, infrastructure and communications are good and there's government money available for

incomers prepared to go to various

regions, where labour relations tend to be

soft demand for tobacco. GKN was hit by the Ford strikes and BP by the oil price. British & Commonwealth, Standard Chartered? Their stories are so familiar they do not be a second or the stories of the stories are so familiar.

The end of the week's gloom coincided

with an optimistic survey from Salomon

Bros, which maintains that while the UK

service sector slump is structural rather than cyclical, "The UK Export Led Manufacturing Boom is Here to Stay."
Salomon insists there is a stark contrast between the two contrasts.

between the two sectors, with service

under severe pressure but manufacturing

being boosted by medium term growth

they do not bare repetition.

The Hong Kong of Europe may not be a particularly attractive label to pin on the mother of the industrial revolution, but its a sight more attractive than contemplating a half decade of recession.

WTA: eat or be eaten

tephen Walls did a good job of securing a high bid price for his old company, Plessey. He will not, however, wish to perform the same function for Wiggins Teape Appleton when this quality company peaks out from beneath the skirts of BAT Industries. Yet that is the danger. The international paper industry is going through an extraordinary period of global wheeling and dealing as Scandinavian and North American groups vie for strength in the single European market and for strong market positions in the high value-added end of the paper business.

WTA fills both these desirable requirements to an extent that will make it unique among independent groups.

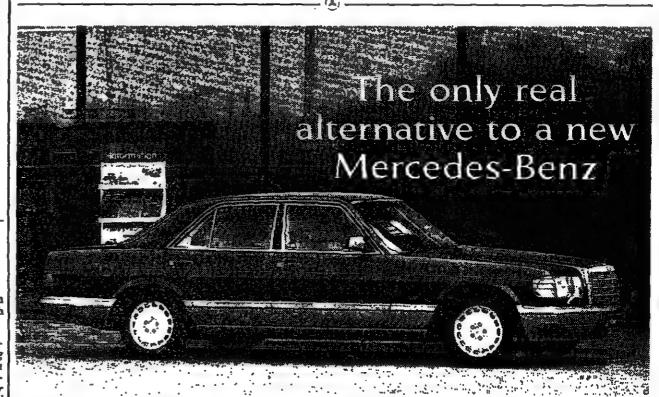
Appleton, which accounted for £93 million of the £201 million 1989 trading profit, has about half the US market for carbonless papers, where value-added is about twice that for ordinary paper and the market is still expected to grow at 4 per cent a year.

Wiggins Teape has about 30 per cent of the European carbonless paper market. WTA is also ahead of all but Japanese groups in the fast-growing thermal paper market. The Iberian pulp operations (which contributed £53 million) and the merchanting network would also be of great interest to

An independent WTA without any protection from BAT will therefore have to eat or be eaten in the medium term. Its fate will largely depend on the institutional shareholders in BAT who will initially control most of its shares.

Despite its acknowledged qualities, WTA would probably trade at a lowly rating at this stage of the paper cycle if compared with other British companies in which case, it would be more likely to be eaten. The high profile new top management and a three-week roadshow should achieve a modestly higher rating, say 10.5 times prospective earnings of 19.5p per share with a dividend yield of 5.5 per cent. That would break the magic £1 billion market, but will not deter ambitious predators.

The onus will therefore be on institutions to back the logic of unbundling BAT, which is that its more remote parts would be better off standing on their own. The new top management will also be on its mettle to prove itself this year against the background of sharp falls in profit from more run-of-the-mill producers. If it does so, then the 34 per cent growth in trading profits over the previous four years should provide a platform to enhance the future growth rate through acquisitions.



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The investigation, likely to last at least nine months, will not look at the very high profits made by national telephone monopolies on international calls, because representing 160 countries. Its Brussels has no authority to main purpose is to allocate prevent overcharging. However, if it finds that the companies in the caller's

international agreements on sharing the costs of a call between two countries constitute a cartel to keep out competitors, it could order the 12 EC telephone authorities to change pricing arrangements with other countries.

Sir Leon Brittan, the European commissioner for competition policy, said yesterday that consumers must benefit from an international telephone charging system which allowed genuine competition between telecommunications

"This is essential for European business and also for individuals," he said. Sir Leon faces two big obstacles: first, the Treaty of

THE European Commission Rome allows investigation that the money transfer only of anti-competitive be- arrangements enable teletelephone charges, to see haviour, not overcharging phone companies to insist on whether the world's telecom- and secondly, Brussels cannot a minimum level of payment munications authorities run a apply its findings to any which would squeeze out

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International call charges are regulated by the Consultative Committee for International Telegraphs and Telephones (CCITT), a UN agency home country to telecommunications authorities in the

destination country. Brussels will want to know whether the charges are laid down under a notional division of profits or whether the rules are simply an administrative arrangement.

In the first case, Brussels may be able to prove that the whole system is a giant cartel preventing competition; in the second, it is hard to see where The cost to a telephone fuel prices. Sir Gordon Borrie, Brussels could intervene.

company of an international call has fallen rapidly with he was considering taking the new technology, so international calls are now much more profitable.

Sir Leon can seek to prove similar future agreements.



Significant rise in trading: Andres Stakis yesterday

Stakis up despite doubled interest By Jeremy Andrews

DESPITE a more than doubled interest bill of £3.3 million, interim profits at Stakis, the Glasgow hotel group, rose by 7.8 per cent to £12.4 million in the six months to April 1.

A sharply lower tax charge, due to the group's mediumterm policy of selling existing hotels and building new ones, boosted post-tax profits by 32 per cent to £11.8 million and earnings per share by 29 per cent to 4.4p a share. The interim dividend keeps pace with a 27 per cent increase to

0.9p a share (0.71p). The total interest during the period was £8.5 million, with £5.2 million being capitalized against the value of the developing hotels. Borrowings stand at £149 million, giving gearing of about 50 per cent. The £8.6 million contribu-

tion by the hotels division to operating profits of £16.1 million included a £3 million gain on the sale of the Newcastle Airport hotel which, according to Mr Andros Stakis, managing director, "did not comform to the company's development strategy."

Stripping out that sale, trading profits fell from £5.9 million to £5.6 million.

million to £5.6 million, reflecting the smaller number of rooms open. On a per unit basis, trading was up

Surfeit of shops 'has put retail sector in trouble'

By Gillian Bowditch

BRITAIN has too many cent had been achieved overshops, according to Mr Rich- all by the retail sector last year ard Eassie, chairman of Ver- but retail space grew at a faster dict, the market research me and so real sales per organization which specializes square foot had fallen by in retailing.

Mr Eassie, speaking at the Verdict Retail Conference in London, said a lot of the sector's present troubles are year are expected to fall by 1.8 self imposed.

Over-confidence in the boom years lay at the root of many of the trade's current problems. In particular, retailers had expanded too rapidly,

"There is now too much retail space in Britain and there will be no short-term change to this situation.

"Market segmentation and niche retailing, though sound in principle, were carried to excess. Ever smaller and more specialized target markets became too insignificant to support the formats that catered for them."

The explosion of retail space had led to a decline in the productivity of some retailers in terms of sales per square foot and many are unlikely to see an improve-ment until 1992.

"Massive expansion plans are all very well if turnover growth is going to go on for ever but can be painful when spending starts to dry up. A major shopping development, once started, may take two years to complete. A shop can commence trading in an eco-nomic climate far removed from that which existed at the

But jewellers, grocers, chomists, and toy and sports retailers had increased their

productivity in terms of sales per square foot since 1988 while DIY, electrical, furniture and menswear retailers had seen it drop dramatically - menswear by 14.4 per cent. Mr Eassie said retailers had

about I per cent, he said.

"The same will happen in

1990 only more so," Mr Eassie

said. Sales per square foot this

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to stop concentrating on boosting sales and start improving profits through better productivity, by better targeting, more skilful use of electronic points of sale data and improved produce se-

The Verdict audience also heard that electrical retailers had "underperformed against customers expectations for too long."

Mr Brent Wilkinson, managing director of Comet Group, the electrical retail arm of Kinglisher, said decisions and investment in the sector as a whole had been driven more by opportunist than long term strategy and had damaged the market.

Electrical retailers had used arguments about market forces and the need for manufacturers to come up with Real sales growth of 2 per cuses for under-performing.

Corton leaps 62% to £5.08m

PRE-TAX profits at Corton Beach, the rapidly developing USM motors, foods and leisure group, surged 62 per cent to £5.08 million in the year to

end-January.
Group turnover, boosted by acquisitions, advanced 30 per cent to £138.9 million, Earnings per share rose by 25 per cent to 10.03p, and the divi-dend was improved 12 per cent to 0.7p.

Mr Mike Keen, chairman,

said: "Each of our operating divisions traded profitably and made substantial progress in the year despite adverse conditions in a number of markets."

He remains optimistic, despite the poor economic clinate in Britain, that progre can continue to be made at the operating level in the three trading divisions, and enable earnings growth to be maintained over the long term.

There was an extraordinary loss of £426,000, mainly relating to a loss on the sale of the leisure arcades business.

The shares eased 2p to 34p, after 37p.

SI losses deepen to £1.2m

PRE-TAX losses at SI Group, the troubled brewing equipment manufacturer now controlled by the Abdullah brothers, deepened from £896,000 to £1.22 million in the year to end-December. Turnover slipped from £6.35 million to £5.12 million. The loss per share extended from 3.6p to 4.1p. Once again, there is no dividend.

Reorganization and restructuring costs resulted in an exceptional loss of £650,000 and an extraordinary debit of

SI plans to acquire Phennicus, which markets heavy plant and provides consultancy services to the construction industry, for £1.8 also plans to buy Stamford Lime Co, which operates a limestone quary nes Grantham, for £1.2 million.

The acquisitions will be funded by a share issue and a rights offer, to be made by Flemings, on the basis of three new SI shares for every 11 shares at 12.5p, raising about £2.5 million before expenses.

Ex-Lands launches £7.8m rights issue

turned into a golf and leisure group, has launched a one-forone rights issue to fund expansion.

The issue, at 33p a share, should raise £7.8 million after expenses, enabling the company to acquire a 25 per cent stake in a golf complex planned for Vichy, France, and to build an 80-bedroom hotel at its existing Bristol country club.

The Saatchi brothers, Charles and Maurice, who acquired a 30.6 per cent stake in the company last year as part of a restructuring, have said they will take up their rights "or procure subscribers" for their rights issue shares. Their fully-diluted stake of

27.3 per cent is now owned by an 50-50 joint venture with Mr Graham and Mr Robert Bourne, the property businessmen who became joint chief executives of Ex-Lands two months ago. The Bournes will also take up their rights. Other

THE Ex-Lands, the former shareholders, with 37.7 per mining company now being cent of the equity, are not taking up their rights and these shares have been placed with institutions at 34p a

> The balance of 35 per cent has been underwritten by Brown Shipley. Ex-Lands eased lp to 45p on the news. In addition to the 25 million

new shares issued under the rights a further 2 million are being placed with Electra Leisure and Electra Investment Trust to raise a further £750,000 of working capital. The placing will give Electra a 4.4 per cent stake in the group.

The company yesterday confirmed it had negotiated a right of first refusal on leisure projects conceived by International Management Group. It was the Bournes' close links with IMG that brought Ex-Lands the Vichy deal.

It also announced that Mr Andrew Blurton, formerly managing director at Local London Group, was joining

COMPANY BRIEFS

QUADRANT GROUP (Fin) Pre-tax: \$5.11m (£4.42m) EPS: 11.06p (15.21p) Div: 2.35p, mkg 3.85p RADIO CLYDE (Int) Pre-tax: £1.20m (£1.01m) EPS: 12.2p (10.8p) Div: 3.25p (2.75p) WILTON GROUP (Fin) Pre-tax: £0.82m EPS: 0.16p (0.18p LPS) Div: Nil (nil)

LONDON ATLANTIC (Fin) Pro-tax: £1.59m (£1.36m) EPS: 2.57p (2.23p) Div: 1.87p, mkg 2.5p HIGHCROFT TRUST Pre-tax: £0.69m (£0.61m) EPS: 8.64p (7.69p) Div: 1.95p, mkg 3.35p FUNDINVEST (Int)

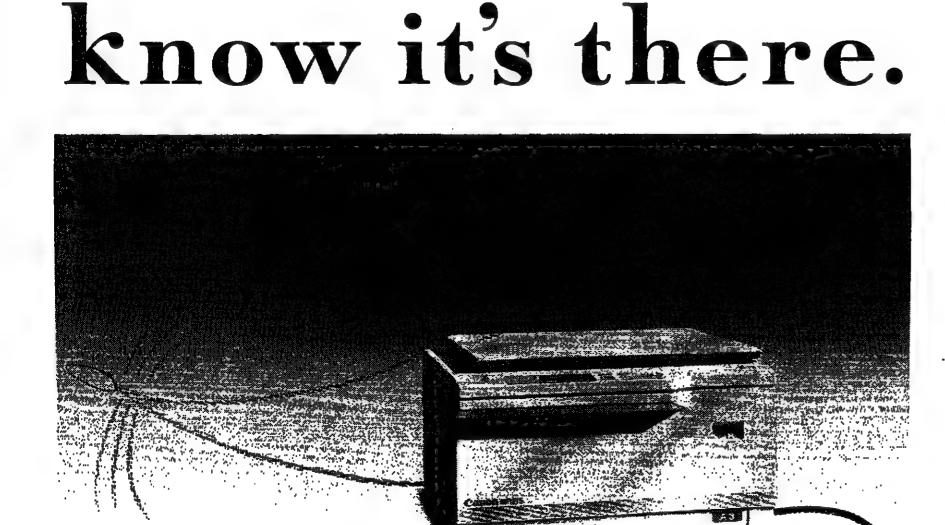
EPS: n/a Div: 10.06p (4.46p)

Board reports that advertising revenue since end of half-year shows satisfactory growth. The company made a pre-tax loss of £135,000 last time. Turnover advanced to £5.24m (£0.62m). Net assets rose to £7.99m (£3.69m). Last year's total dividend was 2.18p. The net asset value per share slipped to 81.6p (93.3p). Total revenue was £2.18m (£1.96m). Final results for 1989. Last year's total dividend was 2.95p. Net turnover increased to £0.81m (£0.7m).

Last year's total dividend was 3.6p. Extraordinary profit of £16.7m, mainly from the sale of certain cellular communications assets.

Turnover grew to £4.68m (£4.09m).

The net asset value slipped to 710.6p (787.6p) per capital share. Gross income advanced to £1.68m (£0.79m).



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News Corp to seek listing for papers

From Luin Yu Hong Kong

THE News Corporation is to seek a stock market listing for the South China Morning Post and its sister paper, the South China Sunday Morning Post. The Hong Kong daily is one of the most profitable publica-

tions in the worldwide group controlled by Mr Rupert Murdoch. It has a circulation of 103,000.

In a brief statement, Mr Richard Searby, chairman of The News Corporation, said: "It is proposed that the listing would be effected by an offer for sale of a proportion of issued capital of the holding company of such newspaper

"It is further proposed that the offer would be made through the financial advisers, Standard Chartered Asia." Analysts place the value of

the company at between HK\$4 billion (£306.4 million) and HK\$5 billion. This represents almost a

doubling of the market value when The News Corporation acquired it in December, 1986.

The firm was taken private and made a profit of about HK\$400 million last year. Mr Murdoch took over the Post from Dow Jones, the US publisher, Hongkong & Shanghai Banking Corpora-tion and Mr Li Ka-shing the

Hong Kong businessman. Mr Nestor Hinzack, a director of Burdett Buckeridge and Young, said the decision was part of The News Corpora-

tion's debt-cutting process. The market is actually looking for debt level reductions, he said, adding that The News Corporation was viewed as having a high level of debt. The News Corporation shares fell 5 cents in Sydney to

Aus\$10.15 (£4.60).

Rothschild trust counts the cost of Hoylake venture

RIT Capital Partners, the investment trust run by J Rothschild Holdings, has suf-fered a £22.4 million loss by backing Sir James Gold-smith's failed bid for BAT Industries and his stake-buying in Ranks Hovis McDougall. In the year to end-March, RIT has been forced to write off £1.3 million of its £8.3 million investment in Hoylake Investments, the vehicle that Sir James and Lord Rothschild used to mount the

bid for BAT. RIT still has a 6.5 per cent stake in Hoylake, which said last month that it would not renew its bid for the tobacco and financial services group. The company is now deciding what to do with its remaining shares in BAT.

The trust has also written off £1.4 million of the £11.8 million it put into Sunningdale, which bought a 29.9 per cent stake in RHM.

The worst loss of all was caused by RIT's 25 per cent holding in Anglo Group, which slumped 48 per cent in value to £21.5 million. Anglo owns 75 per cent of Hoylake and 35 per cent of Sunningdale, and its shares slid from 450p to 235p during the year.

The collection of writedowns, caused RIT's total net assets to fall by 3 per cent to £335 million over the year, or 148p per share.

Mr Clive Gibson, one of RIT's managers, said be was not worried about the losses in Anglo and Sunningdale. He said: "The pain is temporary, and it's not a cash pain. We hope ultimately to make money out of the situation." RIT's asset value was held



Lord Rothschild: on losing side in bid for BAT

ing company, rose by \$10 million to \$30.6 million in the year, and the trust's option over a 13.7 per cent stake in Cavernham Forest Industries, a timberland company, rose from £15 million to £17.2

Mr Gibson said RIT remained bearish about world stock market prices and had kept a large part of its portfolio liquid during the year.

up by strong gains in some of assets were held in gilt and its other holdings. Its stake in bonds. This provided strong income, which was £18.1 million, compared to £6.35 million in the eight months to March 1989. Pre-tax profits were £12.3

million, compared to £6.71

However, Mr Gibson said: We are a long-term investor. We are interested in increasing asset value, not earnings. RIT was spun off from J Rothschild in 1988 to look after the company's longer-

Maxwell stake in Bell is frozen

order to restrain dealing in the

The order will remain in effect until Perth Federal actions that led to Mr Maxwell's purchase breached the Takeover Code

Mr Maxwell brought them from Mr David Aspinall, the managing director of Bell Group, last week. Mr Aspinall bought them two days earlier.
The NCSC claims Mr Aspinall is not entitled to buy

the shares because he was an associate of Bond Corporation, Bell's major shareholder and because the transaction was a breach of section 45 of the onde.

freeze the shares to ensure the court had the maximum Aspinall.

Mr Maxwell's counsel argued that section 45 did not apply to a third party who the code.

Mr Justice Lee held that the proper interpretation of section 45 was not one "capable of a ready answer" so it was appropriate to preserve the status quo until a full hearing.

The Bell Group's main asset is the West Australian

From David Tweed Sydney THE 16.5 per cent stake held by Mr Robert Maxwell in Mr Alan Bond's Bell Group Lim-ited was frozen after the National Companies and Sec-urities Commission won an

Court can inquire into the NCSC's claim that trans-

If Mr Maxwell wants to sell in the meantime he will have to give the NCSC 48 hours' notice and obtain permissio from the court. This was the NCSC's third attempt to freeze the shares.

The NCSC said it wanted to flexibility to remedy the orig-inal alleged breach after a full hearing of its case against Mr

bought shares from an in-dividual who had breached

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Trivial Pursuit for Russia

men but none more so than Serif Cowells, which makes the Trivial Pursuit board game. Up until recently, giving the wrong answer to a yellow question (history) could cost you more than your

next throw of the die. Serif is having talks in the next few weeks in Russia with a view to launching Trivial

The Russian game is al-ready written and production could start soon. But Mr Ray Deeks, a director, does not expect Russians to be playing the game this year. He said: "Things move much more

Russian television viewers are already familiar with the concept of Trival Pursuit.

slowly over there."

programme, where families compete against each other and win prizes such as television sets and calculators, has been a great success and is watched by 90 million. The game has been vetted by the Russians and Mr Deeks

says getting them to accept that answering history ques-tions could be a game is a breakthrough in itself.

Serif has just signed a contract with Horn Abbot, the Canadian owner of the game. to manufacture it for another five years for the British and European markets.

toy company which is already

MOST companies doing business with Russia have to be based on Trivial Pursuit with diplomats as well as business a view to selling the game. The European markets hold the European markets hold the European markets furner but none more so than guages, but the Eastern European markets hold the key to Trivial Pursuit's future. Serif has sold 10 million sets of the game since 1988 but sales fell from 3.3 million in 1988 to 2 million last year and are expected to be about 1.4 million this year.

The potential in Eastern Europe is high and Serif may use the television game to break into the market as department stores are thin on the ground.

But Serif is now turning its marketing efforts to Nintendo video games, Japanese arcadestyle games that have been a big success in the US. Serif has But it is handing the concluded a deal with Dixons marketing over to the Tonka to sell the games and Mr Deeks predicts that they could sales agent and distributor for be an even bigger money-the game. Serif now manufac-spinner than Trivial Pursuit.



General Accident

THREE MONTHS' RESULTS

The results for the three months ended 31st March 1990, estimated and unaudited, are compared below with those for the similar period in 1989, which are restated at 31st December 1989 rates of exchange; also shown are the actual results for the full year 1989.

It must be emphasised that the results for an interim period do not usually provide a reliable indication of those for the full year.

3 Months

	to 31.3.90 Estimate E millions	to 31.3.89 Estimate Emillions	Year Actual Emillions
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	885.3	806.4	3,481.5
Investment Income NZI Bank Result Estate Agency Result Underwriting - General Business Result Long Term Business Profits	105.3 (1.8) (5.5) (63.3) 6.8	101.6 (16.1) (5.6) (20.7) 5.9	462.7 147.6 (20.5 (203.8 26.9
Less Interest on Loans	(58.5) 22.4	65.1 10.2	217,7 64.5
U.K. Employee Profit Sharing Scheme			6.3
Profit (Loss) before Taxation	(80.9) (18.1)	54.9 16.0	147.0 32.1
Profit (Loss) after Taxation	(62.8) (0.8)	38,9 (4,5)	114 9 (13,7)
Long Term Business Profits ~ GA Life 1988 Valuation	(62.0) -	43.4	128.6 9.5
Net Profit (Loss) attributable to Shareholders	(62.0)	43,4	138,1
Earnings per Ordinary Share	(29.1p)	20.6p	65.3p
Principal exchange rates used in translating overseas results			•
U.S.A. Canada	\$1.65 \$1.93	\$1.61 \$1.87	\$1.61 \$1.87

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(1) Investment income excludes £3.1m (1989 £3.2m) representing amortisation of U.S. deep discount bonds which under the U.S.A. accounting conventions would be credited to earnings.

(2) The NZI Bank result includes gains and losses both realised and unrealised on investments held for trading purposes.

(3) The transfer of shareholders' profit from the long term business fund is now stated gross of taxation and on a current year basis.

Analysis by Territory of General Business Premium Income and Underwriting Result

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incl. internal reinsurance	29.4	(14.5)	21.4	(0.9)	
	782.9	(163.3)	714.6	(20.7)	

Net written premiums and investment income increased in sterling terms by 8.9% and 3.6% respectively. Adjusted to exclude the effects of currency fluctuations, the increases were 10.6% and 1.6% respectively.

In the United Kingdom, net written premiums were £270.2m (1989 £249.5m). The was an underwriting loss of £80.2m (1989 £10.2m profit) which was severely impacted by bad weather particularly in January and February. The Homeowners and Commercial Property accounts reported losses of £26.9m (1989 £3.5m profit) and £28.0m (1989 £3.7m profit) respectively. The Motor account suffered from a marked increase in claims frequency to produce a loss of £14.0m (1989 £1.2m profit). Experience in the Liability account

In the United States, net written premiums were \$379.2m (1989 \$350 7m) and the operating ratio was 112.67% as compared with 108.18% for the same period last year. On the United Kingdom basis, the underwriting loss was £29.5m (1989 £18.4m loss). There was some deterioration across all classes of business other than Personal Property which showed an improvement.

Elsewhere there were aggregate underwriting losses of £53.6m (1989 £12.5m loss). Storm losses impacted adversely on European territories. The Pacific Basin result reflects the cost of major storms in Australia and increased claims frequency in deteriorating market conditions in both Australia and New Zealand.

There was an encouraging increase during the quarter in both annual and single premiums for life business in the United Kingdom. New annual premiums for the three months were £13.7m (1989 £11.1m) and single premiums £8.8m (1989 £5.3m).

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WALL STREET

Dow opens higher

THE Dow Jones industrial seven consecutive trading average was up by two points gains. at 2,734.88 at the start of trading. Share prices generally

opened little changed. The Dow average closed

Wednesday, ending a run of

Some selling followed these gains, brokers said. However, US Treasury stocks firmed before the third and final (Reuter)

0.68 of a point down on refunding.

● Tokye - The Nikkei index closed up 34.65 points, or 0.11 per cent, at 30,980.26. Prices closed firm overall but well off their highs after late profit-taking. Higher turnover con-tinued for the third day with 730 million shares changing hands against 700 million on Rising shares outnumbered

falls by nearly two to one with unchanged. The Nikkei fluotuated in a range of nearly 300 points, staying well above 31,000 for most of the day.

ended mixed.

• Sydney — The All-Ord-inaries index ended 3.3 down at 1,474.5, with blue chips losing ground.

 Singapore - Prices were broadly lower, but late buying of index-linked blue chips pushed the Straits Times

WORLD MARKETS

Blue-chip index up 43 points in HK

Hong Kong SHARES enjoyed their best day in weeks, responding to news from China by closing sharply up in active afternoon dealings. China announced that it had released 211 people imprisoned after last year's

The blue-chip Hang Seng index soured 43.15 points to 2,985.42. The broader-based Hong Kong index added 27.91 at 1,960.41.

Brokers said that the market had become somewhat inured to bad news and they were not surprised it responded so well to a little good for a change. Brokers pointed out that the

good news came on top of an improvement in economic prospects, referring to an easing in interest rates and in the Hong Kong premium to the US dollar.

Turnover was much stronger than it has averaged this year, reaching HK\$1.46 billion (£112 million) against HK\$1.07 billion on Wednesday. Investors responded well to the rise, brokers said.

A broker at a British firm said: "If people see turnover go up a little they put some of their money in. A lot of people are buying back the blue

• Frankfart - The DAX index ended 3.16 lower at 1,893.42 after slipping as low as 1,882.71. Shares generally

industrial index up 6.84 to

(STOCK MARKET)

Investors look for cover as shares lose their way

JOB losses, profit warnings and a dull start to trading on Wall Street sent investors heading for the sidelines to anxiously await today's crucial retail price index.

Share prices appeared to lose their way after a firm start, although confidence re-mained intact and selling ap-peared light. The FT-SE 100 index lost a lead of almost 7 points to end 5.7 lower at

2,157.0 on a turnover of only
406 million shares. The FT
index of 30 shares also fell 4.8
to 1,690.8. But government
securities were a bright spot,
adding £½ at the longer end as
the \$30 billion US bond
anction continued to go
according to plan

according to plan.

GKN pulled the rug from under investors with the price tumbling 31p to 366p after a warning to shareholders that trading conditions were continuing to detriounts. It said tinuing to deteriorate. It said that high interest rates were

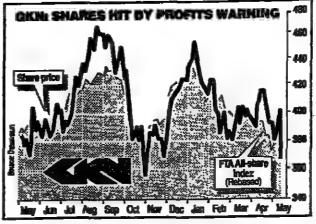
Dealers have been keeping a wary eye on FKI, down 2p at 67p, which last year demorped from Baberek International. Something like 15 million shares have leen traded in the past mouth. Yesterday, a modest 838,600 changed hands. A make-building operation cannot be ruled out.

confirmed that profits in the first four months had fallen short of the similar period last year. Manning levels had had to be reduced and the group was now meeting the cost of this. GKN was hit this week by the news of the Monopolies Commission inquiry into the pricing of new cars and

loomy statement on trading at the annual meeting and the price fell 18p to 468p.

British Telecom bit market sentiment, falling another 4/p to 254p after announcing higher-than-expected redun-dancies among middle man-agement – these will now be 5,000. The group confirmed that it is restructuring into three main operating divi-

There is also concern about the group's growing paper loss on its investment in McCaw,



ALPHA STOCKS

the US communications group, now totalling more than \$500 million.

BICC rose 4p to 404p shead of a visit by half-a-dozen analysts to its North American cable operations next week. First-time dealings in the A shares of Avenuere, the Irish food group, started quietly after an introduction by Panmure Gordon. The shares

finished 2p lower at 98p.

Vol 1000

Ladbroke jumped 11p to 288p, boosted by talk that it was close to selling the leaseholds of its four Japanese Hilton hotels to the freeholder for about £200 million. Ladbroke owns 40 per cent of the Tokyo Hilton and 24 per

A spokesman for Ladbroke said: "When we are selling any of our hotels, we will an-nounce it. The policy of the group has always been to sell equity in the hotels, creating added-value on our returns

Meanwhile, Mr Cyril Stein Ladbroke's chairman, faced a grilling from City analysts as he prepared to publish the annual report. He told them that Ladbroke will continue to grow throughout this year and the next decade.

and we still get to manage the

BAT slipped 2p to 673p as it continued its unbundling programme. This time, it is cent of the other two hotels. floating Wiggins Teape Apple-But the talk may be ton, which is expected to

command a price tag of more than £1 billion. BAT shareholders will receive one share in Wiggins Teape for every three BAT shares. Once the flotation has been completed, there will be 494 million Wiggins Teape shares

Full-year figures from Sears, the Selfridges, British Shoe and Freemans mail order group, were as bad as expected. Pre-tax profits fell from £272.8 million to £231.4 million with earnings per share down from 12.3p to 11.1p. The group blamed high interest rates for the downturn in consumer spending, a flat performance by British Shoe and the slump in the housebuilding market. The shares fell 4p to 88p.

Harrisons & Crossield, the international trader, fell 10p to 150p after announcing the acquisition of Crossley Builders' Merchants from Bowater

There rould be some renewed activity in the pharmaceuticals sector after a presentation for fund managers arranged by Kleinwort Benson. The dustry was repres by Glaxo, up 5p at 786p, SmithKline Beecham, up 19p to 491p and Wellcome, 1p firmer at 644b.

Industries for £113 million. H&C is arranging a one-for five rights issue at 132p a share, raising £147 million net, to finance the deal. Analysts gave the deal cautious approval. They point out that H&C is already one of the biggest building products groups in the country and Crossley will make a nice

News of the deal also boosted Bowster by 2ip to 478p. Dealers say that Bowater has a good price for Crossley which was sold for about 14 times earnings. The proceeds will help reduce gearing from 130 per cent of shareholders' funds to about

Alfied Leisure, which this year sold its Wimpy fast-food franchise to Grand Metropolitan for £13 million, is also asking shareholders for extra

Michael Clark

Suspension order on Robert **Ashby**

THE Securities Association has served a suspension order on Robert Ashby & Co, preventing the company, which specializes in marketing venture-capital schemes, from conducting investment business indefinitely.

TSA, which said it was not satisfied that the company was "sufficiently capitalized" to carry out its business, said it is too early to say whether it is in danger of receivership.

But investors' money is not in danger, the TSA said, as Ashby merely advises on venture-capital deals.

The spokesman said: "Normally, the minimum capital requirement is comprised of three months' worth of trading expenses, but since Ashby does not handle investors money, the minimum capital requirement is £10,000 and they don't have it."
Mr Robert Ashby, the chair-

man, said the company is trying to recover a sum "10 times the size of the capital quoted company."
He said there was no danger of receivership.

Bank gloomy

A pessimistic statement from Mr Rodney Galpin, Standard Chartered's chairman, sent its shares sliding 18p to 468p. He told the annual meeting: "A big improvement over last year's trading profit will be

Clearmark profit Clearmark Group is back in

the black with a pro-tax profit of £1.31 million for 1989 (£4.22 million loss). Earnings per share stand at 1.35p (10.64p loss) although there is

Sandvik rise

Sandvik, the Swedish engincering group, expects flat profits this year following a 6 per cent rise in net earnings to 700 million kr (£70 million) in

Wound up

Lockton Shops, the hi-fi and video retailer, was placed in voluntary liquidation.

Ritz deal off Ritz Design has called off its acquisition of I and M Kin-

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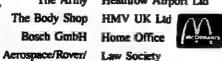
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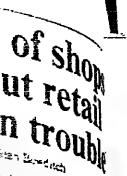
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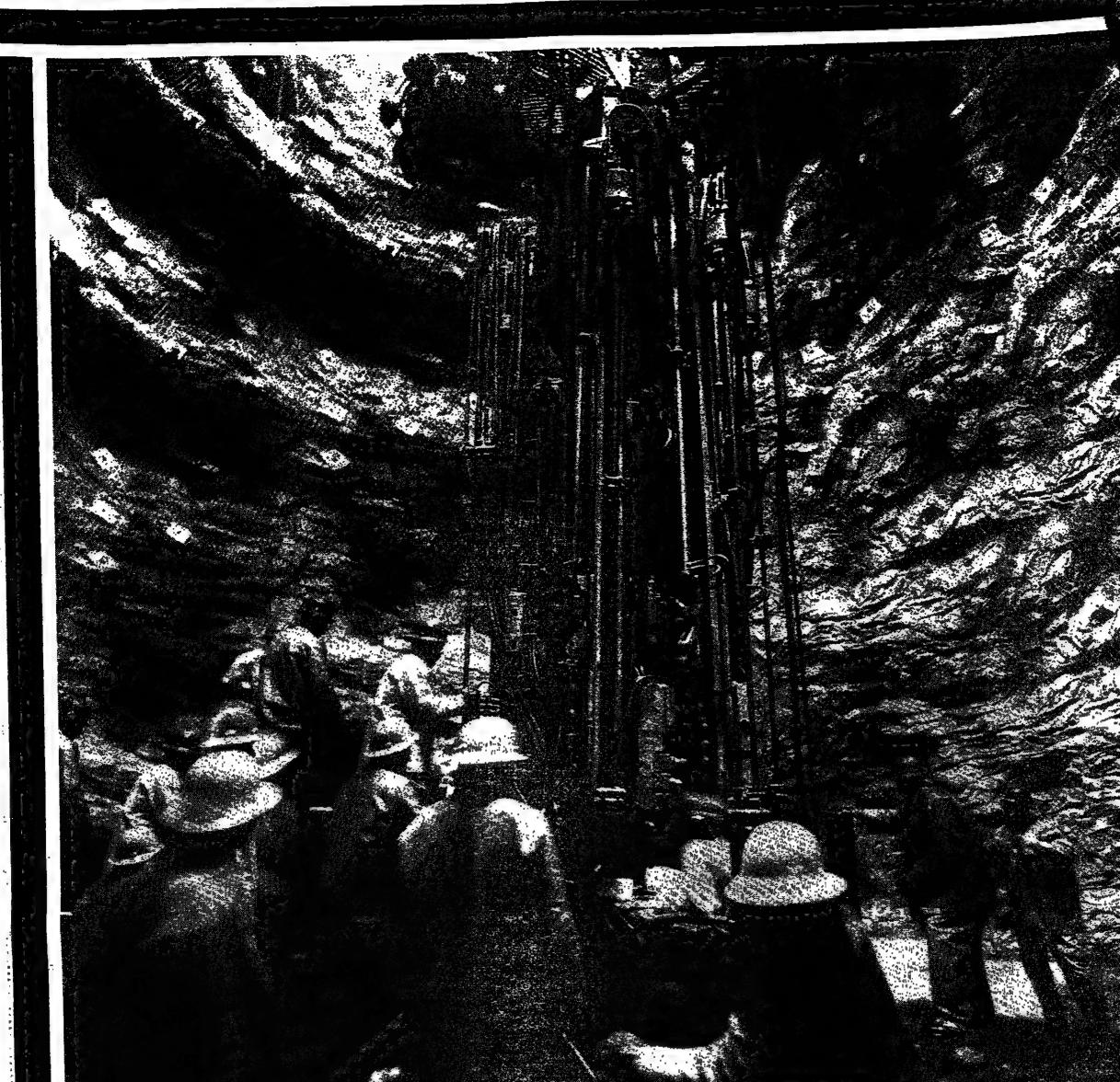
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HON has awarded a fivectract for power supply year car plant being built at on to Southern Electric, on-to-be-privatized area ricity board.

ther privatization of the tricity, industry will be to buy direct from the om the two main generating mpanies being created.

In addition to winning the supply contract for the 100,000-car-a-year plant, Southern Electric has also won the contract for electrical contracting during construc-tion and will also advise Honds on energy efficiency.

Mr Andrew Jones, the plant manager, said: "Our choice of supplier was based on a number of factors in addition to price. Honda's policy throughout world is to assimilate as far as possible into the community and use local suppliers, wherever they offer Competitive services."
The Honda deal is in con-

trast to that signed by Toyota for its plant in Derbyshire. Toyota is buying its power direct from PowerGen, the smaller of the two generating comp-

The Toyota deal has angered the distribution compmies because it was signed before they had details of ale prices available to them from the two main genesisters to enable them to compete for the £50 million conract. Complaints to Mr John Wakeham, the Energy Secretary, are being investigated.

Minorco looks West for a order from \$2bn cash mountain home

Three-year programme: Julian Ogilvie Thompson

much for Freeport. US base

metal companies were trading

at five to six times earnings,

compared with 17 times his-

that critics of the acquisition

Mr Ogilvie Thompson said

toric earnings for Freeport.

vear and we are encouraged by

the way drilling is going," he

Minorco's interest in the US

was highlighted this week by

the formation of Minorco (USA) as a holding company

for Minorco's North American investments. "We believe

By a Correspondent

MINORCO, the natural resources group, plans to spend most of its \$2 billion cash mountain on mining and processing acquisitions within three years, with North America the preferred area, Mr Julian Ogilvie Thompson, the chairman, said.

"We would see ourselves investing the bulk of our cash within two to three years," he said. He added that North America is the prime location for mining opportunities and the area in which Minorco plans to focus its expansion. Europe is mainly for process-

Mr Ogilvie Thompson said there were no discussions in progress at the moment, but added: "That does not mean to say there couldn't be something very soon."

Minorco boosted its cash holdings to \$2.5 billion last year when it sold its 29 per cent stake in Consolidated Gold Fields to Hanson for \$1.6 billion after failing to gain control of ConsGold in a lengthy takeover battle. Han-son later acquired ConsGold in an agreed deal.

Mr Ogilvie Thompson said Minorco no longer plans to acquire passive minority investments except for strategic purposes. He said the recent \$705 million acquisition of Freeport-McMoRan Gold, renamed Independence Mining,

provided a strong base for had focused on last year's resfort Minorco's North American in the US.

Analysts initially said Minorco, based in Luxem-bourg, may have paid too Minorco of gold this standing company there," Mr

Ogilvie Thompson said. "We don't believe in management at long distance." Analysts believe the timing of Minorco's acquisition strategy will be strongly influenced

by interest rates. "With money fetching the sort of rates it does, one has to question at what stage one puts it into the market through acquisitions," said Mr Rob Weinberg, director of the mining department at James Capel, the broker. The bulk of Minorco's cash is invested in dollar instruments, currently

yielding 9-10 per cent. Mr Ogilvie Thompson said that with the present high interest rates, Minorco is under no pressure to invest too rapidly. "Our money earns its keep. People tend to come to us with offers and we are confident we'll find the right opportunities," he said.

He added that these opportunities could come in the form of companies that view themselves as over-borrowed and consequently are under pressure to sell. "It could be a company that wants to sell assets that do not fit its current strategies," he

There has been speculation that Minorco might take an increased shareholding in Inspiration Resources Corporation (IRC), its 56 per centowned US natural resources group. Mr Reuben Richards, IRC's chief executive, has been appointed chairman of Minorco's new US holding company, but Mr Ogilvie Thompson said there are no standing company there," Mr plans to take a larger stake.

Inflation and growth 'set to rise in Europe'

By Colin Narbrough

WESTERN Europe will enjoy faster growth this decade than during the 1980s, but will experience a "distinct upturn" in inflation over the next few years, Mr David Kern, National Westminister Bank's chief economist, forecasts.

In the bank's latest review, consolidation of the single European market and the new opportunities emerging in Eastern Europe are seen sustaining a robust level of activity averaging just under 3 per cent a year to 1995.

Though slightly below the exceptionally high growth rates of the last two years, it is still a percentage point above the 1980s' average. Mr Kern forecasts that the

enduring strength of European demand will result in upward pressure on prices, which will be exacerbated by the proposed monetary union between the two Germanies and by medium-term developments in Eastern Europe.

West Germany is expected to achieve average growth of 3 per cent between 1991 and 1995, with inflation over the five-year period averaging 3.8

Mr Kern predicts that Britain will take sterling into the exchange rate mechanism of the European Monetary System in the next 15 months, despite the Government's lack of enthusiam for the wider concept of monetary union.

economic and political pressures facing Britain increase the attractions of the ERM.

The Guinness trial

Ronson caught up through 'naivety and ignorance'

By A Correspondent

GERALD Ronson, chairman of Heron International, was swept into the Guinness scandal though naivety, stupidity and ignorance, a court heard.

Heron was paid £5 million as a success fee after investing £25 million in Guinness shares to support the price of the stock during the £2.7 billion bid for Distillers. The group was also paid £800,000 to cover losses when the stock was eventually sold.

Department of Trade inspectors were appointed to look into the bid on December 1 1986 and Mr Ronson was

In transcripts read to South-

wark Crown Court, Mr Ronson said Anthony Parnes, his trusted friend, a broker, first approached him in Janu-ary 1986 to invest in Guinness. A limit of £10 million was set and it was agreed, and confirmed by Ernest Saunders, the former Guinness chief executive that any losses on the stock would

be covered by Guinness. Mr Ronson alleged in April he agreed with Mr Saunders to increase his holding to £25 million in return for a success fee based on 20 per cent of the

Earlier, at the end of March. he said he confronted Mr Parnes after being angry to learn that despite his £10 million limit, the Heron

investment already stood at £17 million. "I felt perhaps that we got sucked in and perhaps Parnes used us," he told the DTL

Mr Ronson said Mr Parnes told him he was getting a fee of £3.25 million or £3.5 million from Guinness. "Which I was amazed at for giving advice and support, market advice," (i)

And he added: "If he had told me that right from the beginning I would have smelt that the whole thing was not right." Asked why the deal did not smell in March, Mr Ron-son said with hindsight it was "naivety, stupidity and ignorance on my part, I hold my hand up in the air." But he added: "It's easy to get swept into a thing, especially when dealing with people you have you trust." Mr Ronson said the Heron success fee was then discussed and confirmed by Mr Saunders at a lunch

He said if he had known the arangement was wrong, Heron would not have got involved because it was not his or his group's style of business.

Mr Saunders, aged 54, Mr Ronson, aged 50, Mr Parnes, aged 44, and Sir Jack Lyons, aged 74, deny 24 charges including theft, false account-ing, and Companies Act breaches. The trial continues.

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Japanese hold key to Channel tunnel

JAPANESE banks have been approached to lend an additional £460 million to the Eurotunnel consortium. A rights issue raising a further

£500 million is expected. These fund-raising mea-sures were disclosed by Mr runs, due to the higher cost of Alastair Morton, chairman of raw materials, higher interest the Eurotunnel consortium, rates and the fact that

in its first round of fund raising from banks, the Eurotunnel consortium raised £6 billion to finance the construction of the cross-Channel link. Japanese banks provided 23 per cent.

Now, the Eurotunnel consortium is seeking to raise another £2.5 billion, of which £500 million will come from shareholders and £2 billion from international banks.

During a series of meetings with Japanese banks, including the Industrial Bank of Japan, the Bank of Tokyo and 210 banks. Sanwa Bank, Mr Morton explained the reasons why the Japanese banks participated additional capital is needed.

Although the formal re-

winning their support to provide additional funds to the consortium may prove difficult in the present international economic climate.

Mr Morton outlined to the during meetings with Japa-nese bankers in Tokyo this behind schedule, left the consortium little choice but to undertake a second round of fund raising.

The first of the three tunnels now under construction is scheduled to be completed by November, with the French construction team moving ahead faster than the British team. Work on the remaining two tunnels is about 50 per cent complete.

Japanese banks were prom-inent participants in the first Eurotunnel loan syndication when 39 took part out of an international consortium of

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Banking on Japanese: Alastair Morton, chairman

Tourism takes downturn in HK

From Lulu Yu Hong Kong

HONG KONG'S travel industry is feeling the pinch of a tourism downtum made critical by labour shortages and an oversupply of rooms.

Tourist arrivals dropped 6.4 per cent in March. The decline began last year, when the number of visitors fell for the first time in 18 years, after political turmoil in China.

Hotel occupancy slid to an average of 80 per cent for March compared with 86 per cent in the same period last

The number of rooms, on the other hand, has surged from 23,000 in 1988 to 27,000 last year, and is expected to reach 31,000 in December and 36,000 by the end of next year. The increase in hotels, from 65 in 1988 to a predicted 102 in 1992, means there will be a squeeze in the labour market, of which only 1.5 per cent is unemployed.

"The hotel industry urgently needs another 9,000 workers this year. And the demand will become more critical in the next two years," Mr Michael Li, executive director of the Federation of Hong Kong Hotel Owners,

Campeau stores win time to fight US bankruptcy

From John Durie, New York

CAMPEAU Corp's retail op-erations in the United States will have an extra four months to escape from US bankruptcy after a settlement reached with the US Bankruptcy Court this

Federated Department Stores Inc and Allied Stores Corp were granted an extension until September 12 after an application saying that the complexity of its problems will need more time to emerge from their Chapter 1! bankruptcy filing in January.

The court also approved a settlement between Federated and the US Internal Revenue Service that will give Federated a one-off USS23 million tax refund. However, the settlement also states that Federated must change its tax treatment back over a 10-year period, which could increase its tax bill by US\$14 million. A key to the settlement was

that Federated's parent company, Campeau, had no claim on the US\$23 million refund.

Canadian-based Campeau earlier this week said that it would proceed with significant asset sales if deals could not be reached with its major

creditors, the Canadian-based property company Olympia & York and Edward de Bartolo Development Corp. of San

Francisco. Campeau said that it was seeking further equity invest-ment and that the amount raised would determine the extent of property sales in Canada, where it has assets estimated at US\$3 billion.

In filings with the US Bank-ruptcy Court, the US retail stores said they had debts totalling US\$7.7 billion, primarily due to takeovers by Campeau in 1986 and 1988.

On an operating basis, the stores are profitable, but the proposed sale of the profitable Bloomingdale's chain was withdrawn last week after offers failed to meet the US\$1 billion sought.

A key problem in the sale of Bloomingdale's was that the chain has only a few years to run on the lease for its New York flagship store, which is controlled by the Blooming-dale family. The family is concerned that the financial difficulties of Campeau have jeopardized the value of its New York property.

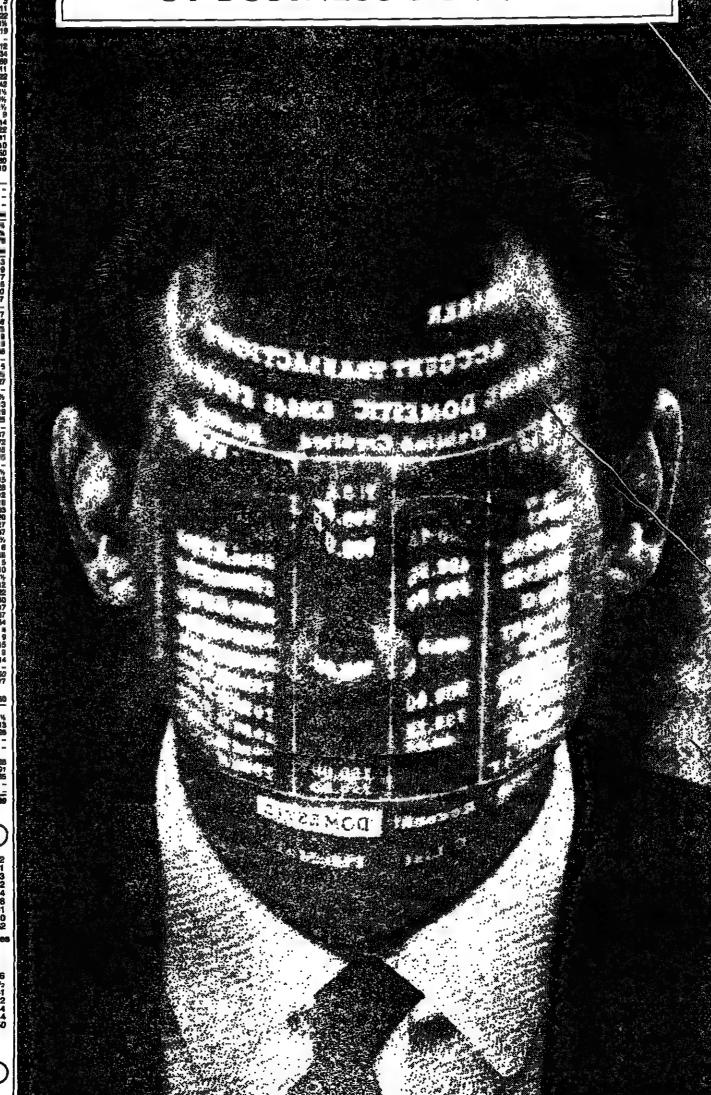
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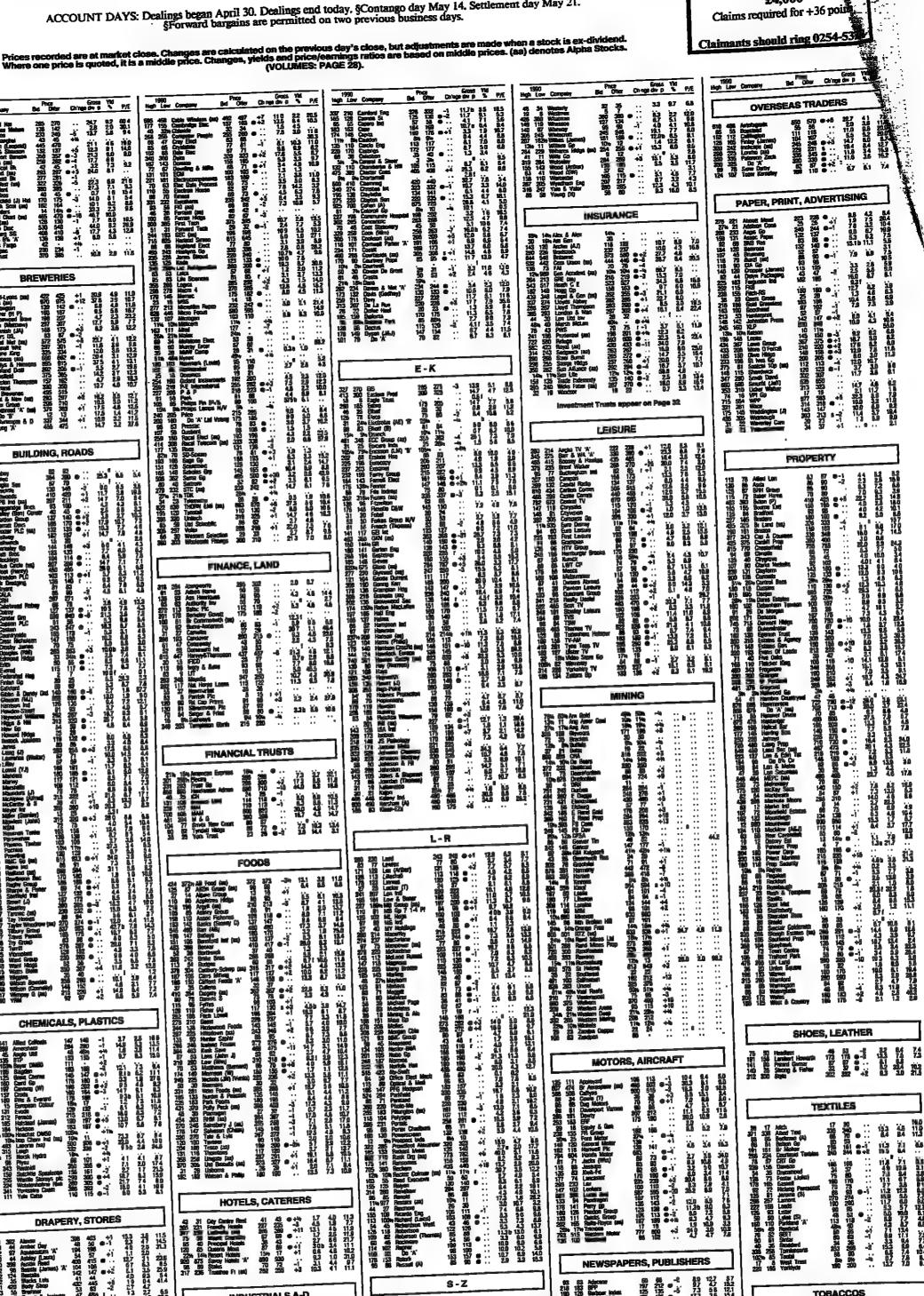
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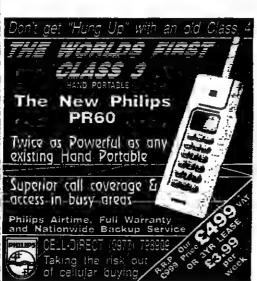
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It also costs another £750 million - in police time and insurance costs to cope with the almost one million thefts or break-ins involving motor vehicles.

The statistics of car crime give Britain one of the worst records in the world: 180 cars a day go missing in London alone and six out of 10 credit cards and 70 per cent of

cheque books are taken from cars. Yet even King Canute seems to have made a bette effort of holding back the tide than the car manufacturers. which carry blissfully on making cars that are anything but thief-proof.

Many of those manufacturers will be embarrassed by the list which John Patten, the Home Office Minister of State, says he will produce, probably by the end of this year, of cars most vulnerable to theft. That means buyers will know before they write their cheque just how safe is the biggest investment they

make after their homes. Two months ago, the British Vehicle Rental and Leasing Association, which represents fleets running 1.2 million cars, decided it could not present its annual anti-theft Britain is a world

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award because no manufacturer deserved it. There has been some progress, especially by Vauxhall, with its deadlock system on some models. It though, because Consumers' Association tests show that the Nova "supermini" is one of the five easiest cars to steal.

Ford spent £500 million on its new Fiesta range, but according to industry experts, it is not exactly resistant to thieves. Rover spent £200 400 series and another £200 million on the Metro, yet none have the deadlock systems the

Clive Sherlock, operations manager at the BVRLA, thinks it is not good enough. He says: "The increase in car crime is disturbing and it would be nice to see resources diverted to vehicle security instead of increasing efforts in areas such as performance."

negligence of the driver. Follow these simple tips: Lock your doors every time, even if leaving the car for just a few minutes. Dealers may also be able to specify tougher deadlocking systems on some

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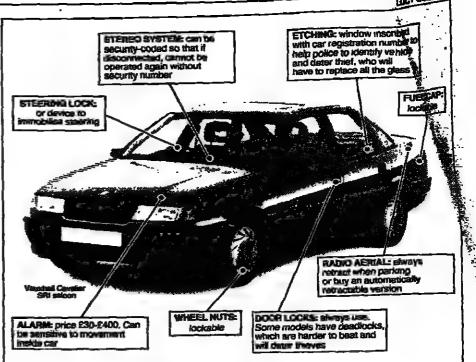
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much, but the price inevitably has ADT expects between £17,000 and £20,000 at its Classic and Historic Sales at the National Motorcycle Museum in Birmingham.

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■ Cars are getting bigger — and that's official. Department of Trans-port statistics show a 12 per cent growth in cars powered by engines of 1,8 to 2 litres, while the overall stock of vehicles in the UK grew by 4 per cent to 24.2 million. More worrying for British industry, 53 per cent of all cers on the roads are

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Ford has won the praise of Sweden's State Inspection Board for producing the most reliable car on the market. The board surveyed 100 Sierras in the 1987 model year and could find only 12 minor faults. Ninety per cent had no faults at all.

Prices go up for a series of cars this month. Vauchall cars increase by 3.3 per cent, adding about £217 to a Nova 1.0 saloun, £375 to a Cavaliar 1.4, £575 to a £14,000 Cartton. Volvo prices rise between 2.1 and 3 per cent, depending on model, apert from the new 480

Alfa Romeo is winning its bettle for acceptance in the highly competitive executive car market; sales of the 164 series are up by a third this yeer. The company says 354 cars have lift showrooms in the first quarter. Meanwhile, prices go up, by an average 2.3 per cent. The Routiers Drivers' Club is

being relaunched with a package of member benefits, including £25 worth of free fuel, 30 per cent off windscreen replacement and dis-counts on other parts and compo-nents. In addition, all members get a trae Union Internationale Des Chauffeurs Routiers passport, which offers a mutual assistance scheme for drivers stranded out-

Nissan goes executive

market, they turn up the heat on their compet-itors. The Nissan Maxima, the executive car from the British-Japanese manufacturer, for example, is as yet little seen in the company-car parks packed with Ford Granadas, Vauxhall Carl-tons and Rover 800s. That may

change. From the outside, it is a handsome car but perhaps with not enough presence to tempt traditional executive-sector buyers way from their usual purchases. However, peruse the list of extras claimed to be £1,000 worth on the 1990 model year cars - and the Maxima becomes a competitive product indeed.

The 3.0 V6 SE Auto is priced hard at £21,000 compared with Rover's big 827 models, the Granada Ghias and Carlton 3.0i CDX. Yet standard features in-

THE ESSENTIALS

Engine: three-litre V6 with two valves a cylinder, capable of 172bhp, through four-speed automatic gearbox, with overdrive and electronic control for "comfort" or "speed" driving.

Performance: 0 to 60mph 10 seconds, top speed 130mph. Fuel consumption: 19mpg in town (official figures).

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Missan Maxima 3.0 V6 automatic

clude air-conditioning, overdrive, cruise control, anti-lock brakes, stereo with power aerial and electric sunroof. The extras thrown in by Nissan this year include long-range, remote-con-trol, electronic locking system, ultra-sonic theft alarm and factory-fitted compact-disc player.

A silky three-litre V6 with more than 170bhp waiting to be unleashed for a potential maximum speed of 130mph-plus is a joy to drive. Although the car is not quick from a standing start, it has plenty of acceleration for overtaking. "Kickdown" lag from the automatic gearbox is slight and moving from 60mph to about

75mph takes 4.7 seconds, according to Nissan figures. That underlines the evidence that Nissan has captured the big-car formula to spread its range upwards from its more traditional image as a supplier of small cars and hatchbacks.

The decision by many com-panies to drop their strict "Buy British" policies has brought many more cars into the reckoning when fleet users start making their choices and companies such as Citroen have benefited.

The Maxima should score in the same way, but I am still not convinced that it will. BMW has won converts with high-quality models, while the cachet of a Mercedes-Benz, even in a small saloon version, can still be rivalled in this country only by Jaguar.

Executive buyers are class-

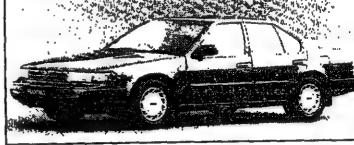
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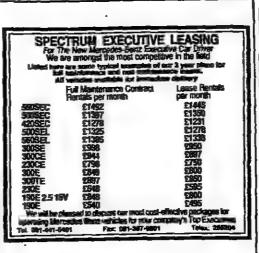
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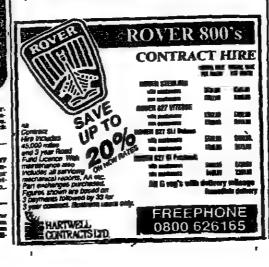


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YOUR OWN BUSINESS

Difficult domestic

trading hits small firms' investment

By Colin Narbrough, Economics Correspondent

THE difficulties facing small manufacturers whose business is focused on the home market were highlighted in the Confederation of British Industry's latest industrial trends survey.

This snapshot of the economy was gloomy as far as the nonexporters were concerned, prom-pting Mr David Wigglesworth, chairman of the CBI economic situation committee, to issue a cry of sympathy for small businesses.

He recalled that small firms were encouraged to borrow in the 1980s, only to find that interest rates were now 50 per cent higher and they were unable to finance vital investment.

That being the case for small businesses while the base rate stood at 15 per cent, Mr Wigglesworth said that any increase in interest rates would be "very bad news." He added that Britain needed these "entreprenenrial seeds" for the future.

The survey was the sixth in a row to show declining business confidence among manufacturers in general. But it identified more grounds for pessimism among smaller companies who depend on domestic sales. These firms account for about half of small manufacturers.

Mr Wigglesworth said these non-exporters were suffering most from the Chancellor's counterinflationary squeeze and the small

increase in output expectations for the next four months appeared to rest on higher output for larger firms and capital goods manufacturers. The decline in general investment intentions is a matter of deep concern to the CBL, as it threatens to undermine British

Small firms, which form about half the 1,232 survey respondents, are not only troubled by higher finance costs than bigger firms.
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GRAHAM Simpson was over-drawn when he asked the bank for £5,000. But he was given the money, and launched successfully into one of the toughest businesses for a small company.

It was 1978, and Mr Simpson, like many struggling actors, was regularly in the red at the bank. Sometimes he had work and then he and his Greek wife, Yianna, could afford to clear the overdraft and take a holiday at a villa owned by Mrs Simpson's family in Crete.

Her brother suggested letting the villa for holidays. One advert-isement in *The Sunday Times* brought a remarkable response. Mr Simpson said: "We were inundated. People were coming round to pay deposits on a Sunday. Having struggled for so many years as an actor, I was completely

Despite his overdraft, Mr Simp-son persuaded his bank to offer a £5,000 facility. He said: "I think considering the circumstances, the manager was tremendous. The loan was basically unsecured. But I had always stayed with the same bank and learned to keep up a re-lationship with the manager. I would ring him up and say I was sorry I was overdrawn. I saw him every three months and told him what work I was doing. I had always kept my word over four or five years. I borrowed, paid back, and borrowed again."

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The Simpsons now look at every aspect of their service in careful detail, no small task given that they have 400 beds and will take 4,000 people to Crete this

Mr Simpson said running a family business is tough. "You can never let go. We intended to get people to share the load but it doesn't work. We know it will never be any different. I'm not knocking it though, because it's a great living."

He believes many small holiday companies, including Simply Crete, are having a good year as travellers switch from the big package operators. He added: "After years and years of holiday abuse for the masses, the benefits are coming to the smaller companies. You pay a little more but you get better service."



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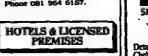
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San Marino signals the genuine start of serious business

world championship season details began in Phoenix, Arizona, nine weeks ago, then moved on to Brazil, a fortnight later. But, for most of those involved, the real business starts today in Imola, Italy, with the first practice for the San Marino Grand Prix on

The opening two races have been little more than warmups, contested by teams still breathless from their wintertime design, build and test programmes and, in most instances, carrying the burden of a fair amount of unfinished business. It helped to disguise their true potential and meant that, in several cases, they had to field interim cars.

However, the latest round

of safety-related rule changes came into force last week, which means everyone has new cars on parade at Imola or, if not, cars sufficiently modified from last year to meet the mandatory design

These are mainly concerned with cockpit dimensions and the stowage of fuel - the latter matter having been addressed following the fiery accident from which Gerhard Berger was so fortunate to escape last year thanks to the outstanding performance of the Imola

As has become customary, Imola is the first of the 10 European circuits to be visited

Revision of regulations

REVISIONS to Formula One car construction regulations for 1990 have been formulated to facilitate more effective polic-ing, by means of either impact tests or measuring gauges in-stead of complicated materials formulae (John Blunsden writes). The main changes are: More severe impact test on.

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THE 1990 Formula One Championship

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according STATUBE Folims are asserted to both drivers and constructors for linkshing a grand pris in one of the top sax positions. Ist: 9 points; 2nd: 6, 3nd: 4, 4th: 3, 5th: 2, 8th: 1. Drivers are allowed to count only their 17 best results from the 16 races in deciding the world championship finishing order. Constructors are allowed to count all points revended to a maximum.

portant, is its demanding configuration, which makes it such a reliable barometer of performance for both car and

Get them to go really well at Imola and they should be in pretty good shape for the season, which is why the circuit has been used so intensively for testing during the past month. Some impressive lap times have been achieved during the all too rare periods when the weather has turned kind.

But equally vital entries in the teams' notebooks have been the fuel consumption figures - the ever-changing during the championship sea-son, which gives it added high-speed sweeps and tight significance. But, equally im-

5, Driver must be able to vacate cockpit in five seconds without removal of steering wheel.
6. Driver must be able to draw
his knees up to the plane of the 7. Cars must carry larger rear

8, Fuel and oil tanks must be made of stronger FT5 material and located within the main periphery of the chassis 9. Cockpit opening must be large enough to enable a rectan-

one of the toughest on brakes. For the second year running a Ferrari victory in the

previous race has lifted local pre-race excitement to fever pitch. Over the next few days. ust wheeling out one of the red cars on to the pit apron will be sufficient for the grandstand opposite to erupt. Ferrari have extensively

modified their cars since Brazil - the latest type, 641/2s, have revised front and rear suspension, smoother body-work, larger radiators and more engine power.

By Sunday evening, maybe we shall know whether Nigel Mansell and Alain Prost really do have a realistic chance of putting it across Ayrton Senna and Gerhard Berger and their McLaren-Hondas this year. If not, Mansell, for one, will be getting itchy feet by mid-

If he should choose to leave Maranello at the end of the ear, a return to the Canon-Williams team, where admiration of his driving abilities has never dimmed, could be

These three teams are likely to make the running, as usual, when practice begins this morning, but there are also a few dark horses in the pack. It would be unwise to

underestimate the Benetton team just because they have only a V8 engine with which to do battle with the V10s and V12s. The latest version of the Ford V8 is delivering a lot more power than last year while the new car is a lot less "nervous" and therefore more driveable on the limit.

With Jean Alesi in the team and a fine chassis at their disposal. Tyrrell have the potential to achieve far more than their relatively modest horsepower might suggest.

The Camel Lotus team's disappointing start to the season has already been followed by some solid progress during the past few weeks of their first with Lamborghini

However, whether they can make the transformation from midfield runner to race winner in one season remains to be Philippart's flight of fancy across terrifying terrain and double-decker dunes

Saharan trek is a test for the best

By Jeremy Hart

THE Sahara desert, which has trapped the foolhardy, the unprepared and the unlucky for ages, is still a magnet for adventurers with a goal to achieve or something to

In an increasingly "Green" vorld, it is ironic that one of the few ways left to experience the Sahara one-on-one is to enter a motor rally across the The ultimate of the trans-

Sahara rallies is the Paris to Dakar, an event which is under ever-increasing pressure from environmentalists to cease its alleged destruction of the fragile social and environmental set-up of the

One better - or less worse, in the eyes of ecologists -- is a more localized desert event like the Atlas Rally in Morocco, which began in Nador on Monday and finishes in Marrakesh after 10 days. The Atlas is a 3,500-kilometre trek of timed stages

through forests, across virgin desert, over the Atlas mountains and along the Atlantic It is a traditional warm-up

event and proving ground for new machines and novice competitors wanting to reach the dizzy heights of the Paris to Dakar - an event three times as long and three times more difficult than the Atlas. British competitors in desert rallies have enjoyed little success in the past. One

or two have completed the Paris to Dakar in four-wheeled drives but on motorbikes, where the true spirit of adventure still exists, home riders have never challenged the might of the French, Belgian and Italian teams. The latest British rider to

enter the lion's den of desert rallying knows only too well what he is up against in the Atlas, his first leading rally. Half Belgian and a former resident of Morocco, Hywel Philippart has the advantage of knowing the experts of desert racing, like Gaston Rahier, of Belgium, and hav-

ing experience of the terrain the rally will criss-cross.

recording studios, from north London, spent the past few months training for the Atlas by running, swimming and competing in three-hour en-Honda machine.

Aware that no amount of training would be adequate for the 10 days of torture, Philippart admitted to being nervous before the off. "One day alone will be like doing four enduro races on the trot, he said. "I'm pretty fit but we'll see, won't we.

Atop his chunky red 650cc Honda Dominator desert racer, Philippart looks as if the machine will control him rather than the other way

150kg, more than twice my bodyweight, so I don't want to get it stuck in the sand," he

Philippart had only limited experience of riding in sand but a week of training with Ady Smith, the former British enduro champion, taught him many of the techniques of the

"The main thing is not to p," he said. "When the going gets heavy, the trick is to keep the throttle wide open and keep as much weight on

the back wheel as possible." From 6am until 6pm each day, in temperatures which could reach as high as 35°C, Phillipart is having to battle across some of the most

Easy rider: Philippart, aboard a rugged 650cc Honda Dominator, preparing for his 10-day duel with the desert terrifying terrain in the world. Sand dunes as high as four

double-decker buses can appear from nowhere and flash floods can turn a dry river bed into a raging torrent. In addition to the natural obstacles, Philippart is having to contend with a hundred other bikes and cars, all clamouring for the leading

The dangers do not seem to bother him. "You are constantly aware of them but I'm not letting it worry me," he said. "Anyway, we're carrying flares and a satellite emergency beacon. But to use that means being disqualified and I

don't want that to happen."

His family know nothing

about his search for adventure. "My dad would have a

heart attack if he knew . . . but I'll tell him afterwards. Phillipart paid £3,500 of his own cash to finance his ride in the 35-strong Honda France team and is determined to

finish, regardless of his final

position. "In a way, I went in blank and didn't know exactly what to expect. But I'm treating it as an adventure and not as a race," he said. "I'm riding at a sensible pace and keeping my fingers crossed."

One statistic of the race keeps Phillipart's hopes up. "Fifty per cent of us will finish the raily . . . I just hope to be in the right 50 per cent."

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Competing needs test not part of planning law Land still registrable after

London Residuary Body v Lambeth London Borough Council and Another Before Lord Keith of Kinkel,

Lord Brandon of Oakbrook, Lord Templeman, Lord Oliver (Speeches May 10)

The competing needs test, by which was meant the situation where in a planning application the need for and desirability of preserving the existing use was weighed on its planning merits against the need for and the desirability of the proposed new use or uses, did not impose a binding legal requirement on the secretary of state.

There was no warrant in the authorities for the view that a competing needs test existed in law and fell to be applied as a matter of legal obligation. Such a proposition would involve putting an unwarranted gloss on the language of section 29(1) of the Town and Country Planning

The House of Lords so held in allowing an appeal by the London Residuary Body (LRB) against the dismissal by the Court of Appeal (Lord Justice Slade, Lord Justice Lloyd and London Residuary Body v Secretary of State for the Environ-ment and Others; Secretary of State for the Environment a Another v Lambeth London Borough Council and Others (The Times August 18, 1989)) of its appeal from a judgment of Mr Justice Simon Brown (The Times March 30, 1988) who had retary of state to grant planning permission for the use of County Hall main block for office purposes unconnected with any local government

Mr Robert Carnwath, QC and Mr John Howell for LRB: Mr Michael Fitzgerald, QC and Mr John Hobson for the London Borough of Lambeth and the Inner London Education Authority (ILEA).

LORD KEITH said that the appeal was concerned with a contest about planning permission for general office use of the main block of County Hall, formerly the seat of the Greater London Council (GLC).

On the abolition of the GLC the County Hall had vested in virtue of article 14 of the Local Government Order (SI 1986 No 148). Under article 11 of that order three bodies had been entitled to use parts of County Hall for such periods as the LRB should determine.

Those were the Inner London Education Authority (ILEA). Defence Authority (LFCDA) and the London Waste Regulations Authority (LWRA).

By paragraph 7(2) of Schedule 13 to the Local Government Act ished the GLC, the LRB was empowered to dispose of any land held by it in such manner as it wished, and, further, was required to dispose of any land not required by it for carrying

Except with the consent of the secretary of state, any such disposal, otherwise than by way of short tenancy, was required to be for a consideration not less than the best that could reasonably be obtained, By section 67 of the 1985 Act the LRB was required, subject to

certain exceptions, to use its best endeavours to secure that its work was completed as soon as practicable and in any event by The LRB had given notices to ILEA, LFCDA and LWRA

determining the periods for which they were entitled to occupy parts of County Hall.
In October 1986 the LRB presented to Lambeth London Borough Council, as local planning authority, various applica-tions for planning permission related to County Hall. For the main block the LRB sought permission to develop for mixed hotel, residential and general

purpose office use and for the other blocks it sought permission for general office use. Lambeth failed to make a decision on the various applica tions within the prescribed period and the LRB appealed to the secretary of state under section 37 of the 1971 Act as though the applications had been refused. The LRB's appeals were op-posed by ILEA, LFCDA and LWRA.

A public local inquiry was then held by an inspector appointed by the secretary of state, Mr David Keene, QC, who recommended, inter alia, that the applications for permission to use for general office purpose the parts of County Hall other than the main block should be granted but that the application in respect of the main block

The inspector took the view that there was a compelling need that the main block should be

ernmental use. In a decision letter dated October 20, 1987 the secretary of state accepted the inspector's recommendations on the parts of County Hall other than the

main block As to the main block he rejected in part the recommendation and granted conditional planning permission for use for general office purposes, but not for botel and residential

There were then appeals to the High Court both by Lambeth, ILEA, LFCDA and LWRA on the one hand and by LRB on the other.

On March 28, 1988 Mr Justice Simon Brown allowed the appeals by ILEA, LFCDA and LWRA and quashed the secretary of state's decision to grant planning permission for the main block on the ground that the secretary of state's reasoning was not adequately stated in his

The LRB and the secretary of

Appeal. At that stage LPCDA and LWRA dropped out of the roceedings. On July 20, 1989 the Court of

Appeal dismissed the appeals by the secretary of state holding that while the secretary of state's soning was adequately stated in his decision letter, he had not properly applied the correct test for determining whether planning permission for general office use should be granted.
The LRB now appealed ainst the Court of Appeal's

dismissal of its appeal. The secretary of state had dropped out and Lambeth and ILEA. jointly represented, were the Section 29(1) of the 1971 Act empowered local planning authorities to grant planning permission but did not lay down

any legal requirement to be followed by the local planning authority, or, as the case might be, by the secretary of state in mining an application for that of having regard to the provisions of the development plan and to any other material considerations.
The inspector, however, in

arriving at his recommendation against the grant of planning permission for general office use of the main block, had applied what might be described as a competing needs test."

In his decision letter the secretary of state said: "In dealing with the question as to whether the existing use is capable of being a material planning consideration which may be sufficient to warrant inspector referred to two tests. These are that: (1) the need for and desirability of preserving the existing use outweighs on its planning merits the need for and desirability of the proposed new use or uses, (2) on the

balance of probability, if per-mission is refused for the proposed use or uses, the land in ispute will be effectively put to the existing use.

"On the latter test the secretary of state notes the inspec-tor's advice that, if planning permission were refused the space in County Hall could be taken up by bodies such as the ILEA, the LFCDA and the

The secretary of state went on to say that whether in planning terms the desirability of preserving the existing use outweighed the merits of the proposed new uses was a matter of judgment and balance and to consider the importance of the main block being retained for the ather successor bodies to the

He further stated that he had had regard to paragraph 3 of Circular 14/85 that there was always a presumption in favour of allowing applications for development unless that development would cause demonstrable harm to interests of acknowledged importance. The secretary of state also

noted the inspector's opinion

that the need and demand for

office floor space which the complex, excluding the Island Building, would provide in that part of London was slight. However, he took the view that the question of need and demand was a matter for the market and was anyway difficult

to assess for a unique building such as County Hall. The Court of Appeal took the view that the competing needs test was the correct test to apply in determining applications for planning permission, and that it was only in a situation where the competition was evenly balanced as between the desirability of the existing use and that of the proposed new use that the presumption in favour of permitting development could be allowed to prevail.

The Court of Appeal therefore held that the secretary of state had misdirected himself in law because he must necessarily have accepted, and indeed did accept, that the desirability of ining the local government use strongly outweighed the desirability of general office use, and yet had allowed the presumption to prevail

The Court of Appeal thus held that the competing needs test existed as matter of law, so as to impose a binding legal requirenent upon the secretary of state. His Lordship had no doubt that the Court of Appeal had failen into error in so holding. All that section 29(1) of the 1971 Act required was that the sec-

retary of state should have regard to the provisions of the development plan, so far as material to the application, and to any other material rations.

In the present case the pro-visions of the development pian, so far as material, were not inconsistent with general office state had taken into account all

At the end of the day he had decided that any need to retain the main block for the use of ILEA and the other bodies not sufficiently important to justify refusal of planning permission. That was a view which in the exercise of his judgment he was entitled to take.

There was no warrant in the authorities for the view that a competing needs test existed in law and fell to be applied as a matter of legal obligation. In Clyde & Co v Secretary of

State for the Environment ([1977] I WLR 926) it was held that the desirability of retaining an existing use of land was a material consideration proper to be taken into account under section 29(1) of the 1971 Act. In Westminster City Council v British Waterways Board ([1985] AC 676, 682) Lord Bridge of Harwich, in a speech concurred in by the rest of their Lordships, had accepted that the desirability of preserving an existing use of land might by itself afford a valid planning reason for refusing permission for a change of usc.

Lord Bridge had continued (at

p683): "In a contest between the

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planning merits of two compet ing uses, to justify refusal of permission for use A on the sole ground that use B ought to be preserved, it must in my view. be necessary at least to show balance of probability that, if the land in dispute will be effectively put to use A."

In his Lordship's opinion nothing in either the Clyde & Co case or in the Westminster Council case was properly to be interpreted as laying down that the competing needs test existed as a matter of law.

Such a proposition would involve putting an unwarranted gloss on the language of section 29(1) of the 1971 Act. The most that could be ex-

tracted from the two cases was that the desirability of preserv-ing an existing use of land was a material consideration to be taken into account under that subsection, provided that there was a reasonable probability that such use would be preserved if permission for the new use was refused.

His Lordship would allow the Lord Templeman delivered a concurring judgment and Lord Brandon, Lord Oliver and Lord

Goff agreed. Solicitors: Linklaters & Paines; Mr A. J. George, Lambeth: Mr A. M. Ennals,

Soliciting prostitute

Before Lord Justice Watkins

[Judgment May 8] The act of persistently driving a motor vehicle late at night

round an area frequented by prostitutes did not constitute ar act of soliciting women for the numoses of prostitution within the meaning of section 2 of the Sexual Offences Act 1985. However, the act of beckoning a prostitute towards him by a man who had previously been

seen with a prostitute in his stationary car, could constitute an act of soliciting for the purposes of that section.

The Oueen's Bench Di-The Queen's Bench Di-visional Court so held in allowng an appeal by way of casc stated by Alistair Darroch against his conviction by Kings-

ton upon Hull Justices of an e under section 2. Mr Gerard Heap for the defendant; Mr David Tremberg for the prosecution. LORD JUSTICE WATKINS said that evidence of persistence was indispensable for a convic tion under section 2.

meant that there had to be more than one act of soliciting. The justices had concluded that the defendant's action in driving round and round an area frequented by prostitutes and their clients was by itself an act of soliciting. However, it was necessary for

the prosecution to prove that the

man said to have been soliciting

Hampshire County Council v Milbura Before Lord Keith of Kinkel Lord Griffiths. Lord pleman, Lord Ackner and

Lord Lowry

[Speeches May 10] The phrase "waste land of a manor" in section 22(1) of the Commons Registration Act 1965 meant "waste land now or formerly of a manor" or "waste land of manorial origin". Such land did not cease to be registrable under the Act on account of ceasing to be in the

same ownership as the lordship of the manor. The House of Lords so held allowing the appeal of Hamp-shire County Council against the decision of Mr Justice Millett in the Chancery vision whereby he held that Hazeley Heath and Mattingley Green in Hampshire, registered pursuant the Commons Registration Act 1965 as common land, being waste land of a manor not subject to rights of common, the county council, as registration authority, was ound to accede to an application for de-registration by the manors, Sir Anthony Milburn

a prostitute had given some indication, by act or word, to the prostitute, that he required her

There was nothing of that kind in merely driving around the streets of a red light district. Therefore the first of the two acts of soliciting relied upon by the justices was wrong. The second act relied upon

ing a prostitute towards him. it had been argued that the justices had not been justified in concluding that that constituted an act of soliciting. The defendant might only have been calling an unknown woman over to ask directions because

That was an unreal solution. The justices knew that previously the defendant had been found in the company of a prostitute in a stationary car. His Lordship had not the slightest doubt that the justices were entitled to use that evidence to counter any innocent explanation by the defendant for beckoning the prostitute towards him.

he was lost.

The justices had been fully entitled to hold that the beckon-ing had been an act of soliciting. But that was only one act of soliciting and one act alone could not amount to persistent soliciting. The conviction would therefore be quashed.

Mr Justice Potts agreed. Solicitors: Stamp Jackson & Procter. Hull: CPS.

change of ownership The appeal was made direct to the House of Lords pursuant to a certificate granted under section 12 of the Administration of

Justice Act 1969 (the leapfrog-

діля provision).

Mr Edward Nugee, QC and Mr Vivian Chapman for the council; Miss Sheila Cameron. and Mr Keith Lindblom for Anthony Milburn.

LORD TEMPLEMAN said that Hazeley Heath and Mattingley Green in the County of Hampshire were formerly part of the waste land of the Manors of Hazeli and Putham. They had since the Statute of Quia Emptores in 1290 been "open, uncultivated and un-occupied" and had rightly been

of common in the definition of common land in section 22(1)(b) of the Act. On November 3, 1981, Sir Anthony conveyed the manors or lordships of Putham and Hazell to a purchaser but re-served to himself Hazeley Heath

under the Commons Registra-

of a manor not subject to rights

tion Act 1965, being waste lar

He then applied to the council under regulation 27 of the eral) Regulations (SI 1966 No. 1471), made under section 13 of the 1965 Act, to have the lands removed from the register on the ground that they ceased to be common land when he con-veyed away the lordships of the

Section 13 and regulation 27 provided that where any land registered under the Act ceased to be common land application ght be made to the registration authority for the amendment of the register.

The county council refused his application whereupon Sir Anthony applied to the court. Mr Justice Millett was bound by the Court of Appeal decision in In re Box Hill Common ([1980] Ch 109) [which had held that on the true construction of sections I(1)(a) and 22(1)(b) of the 1965 Act the words "waste land of a anor" could not comprehend land which had ceased to be connected with a manor before the date of registration and that accordingly the land could not be registered as common land under section I(1) of the Act].

Mr Justice Millett therefore was constrained to grant Sir Anthony's application and the county council now appealed to Sir Anthony's argument was that on the conveyance of 1981

Hazelev Heath and Mattingle

of a manor" because they

Green ceased to be "waste land

longer belonged to the lard of That argument would defeat the reasoning and recommendation of the Royal Commission on Common Land presented in

July 1958 (Cmnd 462) which was that common land ought to be preserved in the public interest and that "Land which is common at the passing of the Act should remain common": recommendation 23 in paragraph 405.

It would also make a nonsense of the 1965 Act which reflected the recommendation of the Royal Commission.

The Royal Commissioners well knew that many areas of waste land of a manor were no longer subject to rights of common. Nevertheless the commission recommended that such waste land should be registrable as common land and hat land which was common land at the passing of the Act requiring registration should remain common land.

Uncontradicted evidence fur-Dresent proceedings showed that in Hampshire 50 per cent of the registered common land connot subject to rights of common. Parliament could not have

intended that such land expressly made subject to registraion by section 22(1)(b) of the 1965 Act be taken off the register as soon as the lordship of the manor was conveyed without the waste land or as soon as the waste land was conveyed without the lordship of the manor. In his Lordship's opinion section 13 and regulation 27

were only intended to give effect

to the recommendations of the Royal Commission and were not intended to enable land to be removed from the register as a result of a simple change of Ownership, The Royal Commission clearly thought that common land should be preserved for the benefit of the public and

registration was the first step to that end. Parliament could not have intended that every identifiable piece of waste land which was required to be registered under the Act should cease to be affected by the Act by the voluntary act of the owner for

the time being. in the county council's case it was submitted that in section 22(1) of the Act "waste land of a manor" meant "waste land now or formerly of a manor" or waste land of manorial origin". His Lordship agreed with that

submission and with the reason-

ing of Mr Justice Slade in In re

Chewton Common ([1977] i WLR 1242). He would allow the appeal and disapprove the decision of the Court of Appeal in In re Box IIill Common. Lord Keith, Lord Griffiths. Lord Ackner and Lord Lowry

Solicitors: Theodore Goddard for Mr Edward Mason, Winchester: Vallance Lickfolds for Oglethorpe, Sturton & Gillibrand, Lancaster.

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Best foot forward: Lachian Deuchar practising at Queen's Club court yesterday

Deuchar prepares to face

up to a double challenge

ing and racket-stringing as

well as spending hours a day

Deuchar moved to Hobart as

head pro but later travelled to

Britain to join Ronaldson at Hampton Court to try to reach

the too as a tournament

touring professionals, ball-

made my game," Deuchar

hours a day together, went running, did weights, played

squash and discussed the

game endlessly. That's what

laid the basis for my current

game. Sebastian Coe has said

it's not necessary to keep on

running 150 miles a week -

but it is vital to have had a

stage when you did - and that

was mine. Now I concentrate

on quality rather than quan-

tity. Because of the risk of

injuries, I never run now but

instead do low-impact work

on the cycling machine and the hill-climber in the gym.

"Even now I can remember

my first victory over Chris in

the 1984 Scottish Open. He's

always been a great match

player and it was a major

breakthrough, ending his un-

beaten run of over three years

Deuchar followed this with

four straight victories in the

British Open from 1986 to

1989, most notably in 1987,

when Wayne Davies held

three match points at 5-5, 40-

O, leading by two sets to one.

Deuchar, once criticised as

talented but temperamentally

fragile hung on to score a great

hours each day on court, he

always works hard for the

game itself, running tour-

naments, serving on commit-

tees, finding sponsorship and encouraging the up-and-com-

Premieration.
TENNIS: Eurosport 1-8pm and 10.30pm1.30em; Coverage of the Blank German
Open from Namburg.
TENPIN BOWLING: Screenmont 5.158pm; Hophobis of the Blank Battiquisy
quarter-finals.
TRANS WORLD SPORT: Eurosport 910em; Sport from around the world.
LPDATE: Screensport 7.30pm.

Although he still puts in the

psychological triumph.

and 18 tournaments."

"We played at least two

He loved the jolly and cosy

ing young players who are the

game's future, usually unpaid. He resents the view that the

top professionals are mercenaries, purely intent on lining

"Wayne, Chris and I were considering this recently and

realised that our prize-money

which could be up to £10,000

penses and tournaments. We

leading amateur most critical

of the professionals' so-called

mercenary motives, has him-

self been the recipient of hours

of free coaching and practice

from many of the top pros

who recognised him as a rising

star and willingly gave their

the professionals' work is taken for granted. "The club

pros in general are very badly

paid and attend endless week-

end and evening matches as

well as coaching, stringing and

organising games for mem-bers. They have to train and

practise in their own free time

but luckily the game's so

fascinating they're still pre-

sirifriend. Carolyn George, is

expecting the couple's first

child in August and he views

impending fatherhood and the

world challenge with the same

mixture of excitement and

trepidation. "I'm looking for-ward to both events very

much. Whether I'll have to

start doing something more

lucrative when the baby ar-

rives I don't yet know - but i

want to be world champion

this time more than anything

else because of the title's sheer

prestige. After 250 years the

event must be the oldest

continuous championship in

whole self-opinion and I'd

really feel I'd achieved some-

thing if I could say I was the

best real tennis player in the

"I hate losing. It affects my

sporting history.

world."

Deuchar's long-standing

pared to make the effort."

Deuchar believes much of

time to help him improve.

Ironically, Julian Snow, the

play because we love it."

their own pockets.

existence in the Ronaldson's on a good year doesn't even

'IT'S a brutal game on a brutal

court." Strange words from Lachlan Deuchar, a smiling, loose-limbed Australian, who

is strongly supported to take

the real tennis world champ-ionship later this year.

Deuchar is 31 with the easy

charm of the quintessential

beach burn; his free-wheeling.

ioky image conceals a pas-

by driven loners with an

Deuchar's world challenge

will take place over a week in

Last week, however,

Deuchar let his racket do the

talking when he powered past

Davies in straight sets at the world tournament, a satisfying

reversal of the crushing 7-1

defeat which Davies inflicted

on him at the last world

championship challenge two

"Of course I'm far more

"but you really

confident this time" he af-

shouldn't underestimate

Wayne on that New York

court. The moment he's got

his nose in front he plays

superbly - and when he's hot,

he's very hot indeed. I'll be out

there trying to make a match.

Deuchar's career started as

sports-mad youngster in

Sydney when he was appren-

ticed to the professional at the

local real tennis court, Chris

Ronaldson of Britain, soon to

become world champion and

the greatest player of his

generation. After learning the basics of coaching, ball-mak-

not to trade brilliances."

November.

years ago.

firms

subtle and heart-breaking of in the Palace, usually bursting

games, more often mastered at the seams with small boys,

admits.

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Champion Laing says he is ready to oppose anyone

KIRKLAND Laing, the Nottingham welterweight who will be 36 next month, intends to become the grand old man of boxing. He has signed another contract with Mickey Duff, his manager, for three

years.
"I'm going to go on and on and make George Foreman look a teenager," he said after giving a grand old performance to relieve Antoine Fernandez, of France, of his European title in the second round at the Grand Hall, Wembley, on Wednesday

night.
"I don't care who my manager gets for me for a world title fight. I am so fit I can take on anyone. There's talk of Breland, or Starling, or in London." Brown, I'll take on Mrs Brown if I have to," he said.

style is made for me. Breland will exercise my boxing brain.
I'll dazzle any of them," said
the boxing genius who calls
himself "The Gifted One."

with the managers of Mark
Breland and Marlon Starling
After I about a challenge for the world title. "I've already had talks with the camps of both the WBC champion, Marton Star-ling, the WBA holder, Mark Breland, and the IBF's Simon Brown is a third possibility. Brown is a third possibility. "We are looking at Septem-

ber or October and I would prefer Starling because it would have more value and be more sellable. But, whoever it is, I will try to get the fight here

The win came as a relief to both manager and boxer. Duff

Lewis is to carry on his education

on the world.

"When you've got a man who will one day be world champion, it is not easy to press the button. He will be released in September

AFTER watching Lennox Lewis dispose of Jorge Dacios, of Argentina, with the first big swipe in the first round at the Albert Hall on Wednesday night, Mike Cohen, of the United States, has decided against meeting the Olympic gold medal winner, at Sheffield on May 20.

gold medal winner, at Sheffield on May 20.

Frank Maloney, Lewis's manager has persuaded Alonzo Ratliff, the former world cruiserweight champion, to come out of retirement. Ratliff, a genial man with the biggest feet in the world, is unlikely to last much longer than Daclos.

But according to Maloney: "Ratliff has the type of experience to give Lennox some problems to sort out and I am aure he will learn a great deal by fighting a man of his ability."

fighting a man of his ability." Two years ago, Ratliff gave Gary Mason a difficult time for

"The easiest is Starling. His has had a series of bad results with his top boxers while Laing, who started boxing 15 years ago, somehow just could not lift the European title. He was beaten by Nino La Rocca. Duff said he had had talks from whom Fernandez took

After his seventh-round defeat by Buck Smith, an un-ranked American, Laing had fallen out of the top 10 in the rankings to No. 23 in the World Boxing Council ratings. Now he can confidently look forward to taking over Fer-

nandez's position at No. 4.
"I can't risk him having another fight while I'm trying to fix up the title shot," Duff said and, with a smile, added: "He's a slightly late developer, he's maturing,"
Poor old Fernandez. He

certainly looked as if he meant business when he came into the ring, blue trunks bedecked with golden stars, his hair all spiky with a crew-cut. But in his 39 contests he had not met anyone like Laing, whose hands-down, hit-me-if-youcan style defies analysis
A right straight from the

shoulder dropped Fernandez after which it was the simplest of jobs for Laing to finish him off. "Laing caught me with a right right on the chin," Fernandez said, "I was never the same after that."

Even Louis Acaries, the former European middleweight champion, who is Fernandez's trainer, was walking around in a daze well after the bout.

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Estili Thi Super-featherweight (8 mde):
Terry Colline (salington) bt Dee Gargano
(Meanchester), pts. Light (6 mde): Alen Heil
(Derfington) bt Selongs Joses (Teldord), not
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Fitzpatrick (Swindon), not 1st. Weiter (8
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Durvan (Pengel), 1st md. Middle (8 mde):
Errol Christie (Coverbry) bt Thomas
Covington (US), not 4th md. Heavy (8
mds): Lennox Lewis (Crayford) iso Jorge
Boscole (Arg), 1st md.

AMERICAN FOOTBALL

Bulls seek revenge for upset

By Richard Wetherell

AFTER three weeks play in the National Divison Managers Association (NDMA) three teams in the northern conference are unbegien. The number is guaranteed to be reduced by at least one this weekend, however, as Manchester Spar-tans and Birmingham Bella renew their rivalry.

In the regular season last year the Bulls won easily, 55-20, and were confident of a repeat performance when they met in the final. But their hopes were the game, their quarterback, Russ Jensen, asked for more money. The Bulls refused and he walked out. Despite a spirited performance by his replacements, the Spartans won 21-14. Now Chuck Brogden, the Bulls coach, is looking forward to

another meeting with one of the best teams in the league. In their friendly last week sgainst one of the unbeaten southern conference teams, Northampton Storms, the Bulls hoped for a greater challenge but scored on seven out of eight

The Spartans are in a similar situation. They have won both their league games by large margins. Despite struggling in the first half against Nottingham. Hoods last week they ran out Hoods last week they ran out winners by 43-14. Their coach, Terry Smith, caught two touchdowns and thought it was the best his team had played this season. "We came together as a team for the first time, es-pecially in the second half," he

The other unbeaten side in the northern conference. Glas-gow Lions, face Fylde Falcous, who have lost both their games. The Falcons could have beaten Thames Valley Chargers, but missed three conversions, which are worth two points in the league, and the Chargers ran out the clock to win 22-18.

The NDMA's link with the National Football League be-

National Football League became tangible last weekend when the specially-designed NFL Trust shoulder flashes were worn for the first time.

put six rinks on the green, an increase from 20 players to 24.

The unexpected withdrawal

Halmai and Pip Branfield, and the dropping of Dave Kilner, have created at least seven

vacancies in the England team.

England trial at Nottingham on

June 3 were announced on

Wednesday, only two of the five

rinks that won the series last

year remained intact: those

skipped by John Bell and Andy

Jim Lambert, who plays three

for David Ward indoors, takes

Halmai's place, while David Bryant, after five years at three,

When the teams for the

SWIMMING

Harris is hoping for Richter scalp

From Craig Lord, Athens

Acropolis international mest-

ing, which starts here today.
The 6ft 4in Londoner has enjoyed a superb winter season after failing to make the team for the Commonwealth Games at the trials last November. Coached at Barnet by Doug

Campbell, a former British backstroke international, Harris quickly put behind him the disappointment of the winter Hard work and a series of

victories at the national grand prix qualifying rounds cul-minated in a British shortcourse (25-metre pool) record of 26.51sec for 50 metres.

He then dispelled doubts about his ability to perform in a

long-course (50-metre) pool by breaking the 10-year-old 100 metres British record in 57.60sec at the Four Nations Spring Trophy last month.
In Athens, Harris meets Richter, the experienced East Ger-man who won a gold medal,

MARTIN Harris provides Eng-land with its best chance of success in a world-class back-stroke field for 10 years when he mests Dirk Richter, the former European champion, at the

Acropolis pool, which hosts the European championships next Karen Mellor and Austyn Shortman also face stiff com-petition from East Germans.

encyclopaedic grasp of the making equipment and piles bewildering variety of strokes of tennis whites. "Chris really and angles dictated by the Mellor, of Sheffield, takes on Anke Moering, the European champion and record-holder at court's unique topography. Deuchar has now remained 400 metres freestyle, while unbeaten for over a year but Shortman, of Bristol Central, arguments still rage over whether he is world No. 1. An lines up against Nils Rudolph, holder of the world best time for influential minority claims that this privilege should go by short-course 50 metres freestyle. right to the reigning world champion, Wayne Davies, of Australia, the head pro-fessional at New York where

Hopes of victory lie with Sharron Davies, the Olympic silver medal-winner from Bracknell, in the 200 metres individual medley and 100 meters backstroke. One of the favourites for the

1,500 metres frestyle is lan Wilson, of Sunderland, who is returning to competition after suffering from a mystery virus. He meets his rival, Kevin Boyd, of Borough of South Tyneside, in the 400 metres freestyle.

LACROSSE

Scotland to be tested

for a tough game against an England side unbeaten in recent

England have called up Cressida Rolfe to replace Jane Burrell, who is taking examina-tions. Captained by Lois Richardson, who led the nation in the World Cup, England seem likely to obtain victory by five or six goals over Scotland or six goals over

NISLAMD TRIAL TEAMS: Red Tream Finitions: J Rachael Scricks, R Gess (Currore), J Lembert (Durham). D Ward (Nortold Flinither) of Lembert (Durham). D Ward (Nortold Flinither) of Lembert (Durham). D Ward (Nortold Flinither) of Lembert (Outland). J Bell (Lumas), G Bargees (Nortol). He Hagger (Buchas). This tream J Lember (Nortol). A Bell (Lumas). G Bargees (Nortol). Hagger (Buchas). This four: R Hart (Esteux), G Bimpson (Ourtarn), 7 Armstrong (Lanca). A Allicock (Glouch) Rhadeer. R Morley (Nortol). D Toylor (Curritors), G Santin (Rom), A Thomson (Kent), Risk stor. Beyle (Yorkshre), M Bryten (Someron), White-artis (Surroy), D Bryten (Someron), White-artis (Surroy), D Bryten (Someron), White-artis (Surroy), D Bryten (Someron), White-artis (Lanca), T Lanc (Nortol), R Salty (Nortol), R Salty (Nortol), R Salty (Nortol), Risk three: N South (Esteux), T Heppel (Kent), Risk three: N South (Esteux), T Heppel (Kent), Risk three: N South (Esteux), T Heppel (Kent), Risk three: N South (Esteux), T Hebert (Rom), A Herodon (Lanca), G Lulon (Someron), M Salty W Hebert (Lines), Risk three Someron), R Salty W Hebert (Lines), D Cester (Devon), Reserves: O (Corrowell), D Cester (Devon), Reserves: O (Southeren), Norton), D Cester (Devon), Reserves: O (Corrowell), Toma memoryer is Rushee (Durham).

BOWLS

England seven short

for NatWest series

By David Rhys Jones

AT THE NatWest home international outdoors series in July, each of the four countries will, for the first time, be required to

SCOTLAND have made no land following their defeat of changes to the team that defeated Wakes 6-4 as they prepare for a tough game against an The Scotland defence will be

England side unbeaten in recent under inurense pressure against home internationals and which the formidable England attack. home internationals and which is considered second only to the Cathy Milne, the new Scottish United States in world ranking goalkeeper who saved 16 Welsh (Peter Tatlow writes). The match tomorrow is at St Leonard's School, Fife, where it is Scotland will probably adopt a believed lacrosse was first zoned defence. A score of 10-5 contained in Reiting 100 ways tasks. played in Britain 100 years ago. to England seems a likely

OUTCOMIC.
SCOTLAND: K Barbar, H Colta, C Davies, K Doig, F Dow, J Duckett, H Graham, J Graham, Y Houston (captain), C Mine, J Moore, M Scieres, L Scotl, C Simmons, B Williamson, J Wison.

J Copiey, J Gulbrids, C McDonnel, A Mactarlane, R Newcombe, J Phaips, M Reynolds, L Richardson (captain), S Richardson, C Rolle, J Steven, Ames Smith, Avenibel Smith.

TODAY'S FIXTURES

RAPID CRICKEY LINE SECOND XI CHANGIONSHIP: Bristot: Glovestership CHAMPIONSHIP: Bristol: Gloudstotrains
9 Somerste, Hinckley: Lescasteriaris
Warwickshire: Ealling: Middlasex v Kort;
The Oval: Surney v Northumptornains: Hornham: Sussex v Notunghamahire: Old
Hill: Workestershire v Glamorgan;
Bingling: Yorkshire v Hampithira.

FOOTBALL. PONTINS CENTRAL LEAGUE: First di-OTHER SPORT

QUESTRIAN: Royal Windsor Horse Show. MOTION INACONOL World Sports Protospe [Saramona], System Lauguer Buile Van v Covensy (7.30), Paul Muchana Memorial: Martin Dugard Base v Sirson Wigg Serect (at Oxford, 7.45).
TENNAS: HI-Toc LTA Spring Safellille Massan (Saramona).

SPORT ON TV BASKETBALL: Eurosport 9-10.30pm: National Besistball League. NOXING: Eurosport 10am-midday: Walld chemblonskip highlights: Screenopart 12-1.30pm: Highlights of Peer w

CYCLING: Screensport 1.30-2pm and 10.30-11pm; Highlighes of the Tour de Transp.

EQUESTRIANISM: Screensport 2-4.15 and 6-7.30pm: Coverage of the Window Hurse Show.

FOOTBALL: Screensport 10-11.45pm:

World Cop previow.

IDE HOCKEY: Screenport 7:30-9 JEDIE National Nuclear League.

MOTOR CYCLING: Eurospent 8-7pm: Highlights of the Stock Spenish Grand Pick from James do to Frommer.

MOTOR SPORT: Eurospert 8:30-9pm: Highlights of the Founda drew San Martine and 11pm-1am: Highlights of the MSA GTP from Kanasa, and NASCAR 500 from Almana.

POWERSHOWTS: INTERNATIONAL: Screensport 6:5-3.00m; Highlights of the MSA.

TRY THIS

Denis Tingay's suggestion for a sporting day out BRITISM OPEN WILD WATER CANDELING CHAMPIONSHIPS: The River Tryweryn at Bala, North Wales, is one of the most challenging white-water rune in British and on Sunday competitors from all over the country, including most of the British team, will take part in championships which form a vital part of their preperations for the 1990 World Cup.

World championship medal winners Neil Stumps and Stave Wells are favourities to win the individual layak and canoe races, but with the Each race will take between 2 Each race we take derivers 25 and 30 menutes to complete, with competitors starting at one-minute intervels. Viewing is possible from the neer barks for the first mile of the race and at the finish at Befa Mill, and is especially exciting around the Canotian Tryweryn area.

HOW TO GET THERE: From Shrawabury, take the A5 through Liengollen and Corwen and turn left onto the A494 which runs into Bala. where signposts for the competition are clearly visible. Viswing is thus, and ample car-parking space is available. kayak and caroe races, but with the high standards prevailing in British racing their victories are by no

Australians compete for world's oldest title

NON-LEAGUE FOOTBALL

League champions may be denied Conference places

Vauxhall Conference has been settled but which clubs will

"We are waiting for the grading committee, but most of the work has been done." Tony Abbott, the secretary, said. "But we have a modern ground — we moved in 16 years ago — and we are quietly confident."

The other two clubs, Dover,

the Beazer Homes League champions, and Coine Dynamoes, of the HPS Loans League, have been provisionally turned down, arousing much hitterness Dover needed £250,000 to

modernize their stadium; re-cently, the council approved most of that sum, and the club put forward the rest, so work

The construction firm guaranteed completion by the end of June. The Conference deadline was the end of May. Dover have appealed to the Football Associ-ation, which has confirmed that it will consider the case, and the club's local MP, David Shaw, is lobbying the authorities.

Colne's case is more com-plicated. Graham White, the manager, claimed the club was rejected for failing to sign an May, instead of a month later, agreement to bring its Holt when no one is playing anyway, House ground up to Conference is unreasonable."

Standards after arranging a ground-sharing scheme with Northern League side, have ground-sharing scheme Burnley.

Colne had recently commissioned a plan for a modern, all-seat complex, but White said a feasibility study was needed;

But the Conference alleged that Coine had withdrawn their Vanxhall Conference has been settled but which clubs will move into the top flight remains uncertain. The acrimony which followed last season's decision not to admit Leytonstone lifterd, the Vauxhall League champions, looks like being repeated this year.

None of this season's champions is sure of promotion. Of the three, Slough, who made sure of the Vauxhall League rithe on the last day of the season, are the most likely to go up, having done most of the ground improvements recommended by Conference inspectors during February,

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the annual general meeting on June 2. The amount of work needed was tremendous and at this stage, in our judgment, we do not think they will be ready in time." King added. "They were quite aware of our deadlines. We cannot compromise our standards, regardless of how emotional the issue may be."

The likely replacements are Gateshead, runners-up in the HFS Loans League, who were relegated from the Conference in 1987, and Bath City, who already host a League club -Bristol Rovers - at Twerton Park. Bath were second behind

Both Coine and Dover have been scathing of the attitude of the Conference. "This sort of affair devalues the credibility of the pyramid," White said. "It's impossible now for a club to rise

John Durrant, the Dover secretary, added: The builders who are converting our ground did the same for Dartford. We have cast-iron guarantees that the work will be ready in time. For the Conference to demand that it be ready by the end of May, instead of a month later, when no one is playing anyway, is unreasonable."

Northern League side, have appointed Robert Scaife as manager in succession to Eddle Gray, the former Leeds United and Scottish international

RUGBY UNION

18-Group's good play hampered by bad luck

THE 1989-9U season may not have been a vintage one for the England 18-Group, though they played well enough initially and were desperately unlucky, after being outplayed by a rampent and hungry link side at Oxford, to be smitten with illness during their visit to France, where they suffered their second defeat.

The Eagles, founded 25 years and initially captained and initially captained in the control of the course.

Mike Williams of Sevenoaks, and, not least, the remarkable Aima Thomas, of Bedford Coli-

Ama I nomas, of Benford College, their sports psychologist, deserves the warmest congratulations.

Tony Rolt, the head of PE at Trent College, wishes to correct a wrong impression. "With reference to the coaching course manufacted in appearance of the contract and the college." mentioned in your schools' piece last Friday," he says, "the award the boys achieved was not one that we had devised but the official RFU Preliminary Award. Our five successful can-

didates were the first five ever to have achieved this award as

25 boys and two staff to Nova Scotia and Newfoundland. Most of these boys will form the

The Eagles, founded 25 years ago and initially captained for three years by Alistair Highell, returned from their tour of France unbeaten for the fifth suffered their second defeat.

The unbeaten 16-Group had an excellent season both in method and results and the successive time. The Eagles, originally based on Smallwood Manor Preparatory School, now draw on boys from a number of schools and take on tour two age groups, equivalent to the French junior sides, Benjamins (under-13) and Minimes (under-15).

Bartlett, their talented wing scored eight tries for King Edward's, Birmingham, during their April tour of Canada, on which they won all four

EAGLES TOWN WESLETE: Benjamine; v. La Roche Sur Yon (20-0), v. Pulhoreau (42-0), v. La Rochelle (6-6), v. Trignac (30-10), lifetimee; v. La Roche Sur Yon (30-0), v. Pulhoreau (74-0), v. Ne de Re (28-0), v. Trignac (32-5).

FISHING

The way of outwitting a maddening mullet

maddening of sea fish, in har-bours they can be easy to catch. In creeks they have been dubbed impossible. So, naturally, keen mulleteers (their word, not mine) go for the impossible and, equally naturally, they end up with plenty of blank days. The National Mullet Club has

now come to the aid of both creek and harbour anglers with a stim guide compiled by its members. At £4.50, no beginner can afford to be without it - and many experts could learn a

lesson or too, as well.
David Rigden, the NMC secretary, a college lecturer from
Portsmouth, writes on harbour
mullet and how they have
learned that there are good
pickings to be had from food brown away by boat crews and

"They are generally used to the sight of people and already weaned on to unnatural foods

Rigden. "Two years ago I hooked (and lost) a nice mullet outside the chip shop on Wey mouth quay. My ban was half a Phil Hazell is a creek man,

seeking mullet which behave totally differently – though both are exactly the same species: the thick lipped grey mullet (chelon "Multer angling is all about challenges. The smarter the fish

the greater the pleasure you capture it."

This gives you the flavour of a book packed with excellent advice and diagrams - written by expert anglers who are mainly amateur writers. The National Mullet Club's guide is all the only from David Rigden, 69 Powerscourt Road, North End, Portsmouth P02 7FG.

BASEBALL

Fielder is on fire for tame Tigers By Robert Kirley

CECIL Fielder is a bitter so, when he suspected he would not be "getting his cuts" as a Toronto Blue Jay last season, be packed his bate and headed for the Hanshin Tigers.
Fielder's choice was shrewd:

after knocking down boundary fences in the cosy Japanese ball parks, he returned to North
parks, he returned to North
America with a vengeance. Playing for the struggling Detroit
Tigers, Fielder leads the major
leagues with 12 home runs and

28 runs batted in.

In a game in Toronto this week, the big first baseman hit three home runs for five runs batted in. Alas, his former colleagues hit five home runs and won 11-7.

Another heavy hitter, Andre Dawson, of the Chicago Cubs. levelled the score with a home run in the ninth inning and added a two-run home run in the eleventh as Chicago beat the Atlanta Braves 10-8. Dawson bit

underwent arthroscopic surgery on cartilage in his pitching shoulder. The former Cy Young Award winner, who has not played this year, will be side-lined for at least five weeks.

Before the season, the Kansas City Royals were considered potential rivals to the Oakland A's in the American League West. So much for prognosticaby 10 games.

tion: they already trail Oakland Inconsistent starting pitching (Bret Saberhagen and Mark Gubicza), injuries to outfielders

(Bo Jackson, Danny Tartabull and Jim Eisenreich) and ageing infielders (Bob Boone, George Brett and Frank White) have taken their toll.

The Royals saw a glimmer of hope on Tuesday when they heat the Texas Rangers 10-5, Ind

two home rous in a game for the by Gerald Perry, who hit a thirtieth time in his career.

Rick Sutcliffe, of the Cubs, the off-form Nolan Ryan. grand-slam home run against the off-form Nolan Ryan. Oakland, the 1989 World

series champions, became the first club to win 20 games this season but even they have not had everything their own way. After hitting Mike Boddicker's first pitch for a home run. Rickey Henderson, of the A's, sauntered around the bases. The lead-off home run was the 42nd

Boddicker, who interpreted Henderson's slow motion as an affiont, allowed only five other hits over seven innings to lead the Boston Red Sox to a 5-1 win. It was back to business as

usual by Wednesday, when Henderson drew a bases-loaded walk from Eric Plunk in the cleventh inning, giving the A's a 2-1 win and a three-game sweep of the New York Yankees.





EQUESTRIANISM

Familiar opponents provide England's semi-final challenge

Opposition on eight occasions

in the last six months, the

Dutch winning four times

(including the international at Wembley where penalty strokes decided the Typhoo

Tea Cup) and England three,

England certainly will not

feel under quite the same

pressure as when they played

Australia in a goalless draw on

Wednesday, with the West Germans waiting in vain in

the stands to take the place of the loser in the semi-finals.

with one draw.

women's World Cup here, spent yesterday morning looking round Sydney and shopping before training in the

record in matches between the

But this is no time for any (1983) and Amsterdam relaxation of concentration (1986), where they beat Eng-Lisanne Lejcune, the land 5-1 on their way to Netherlands vice-captain, is New formula unveiled

THE management committee of the Poundstretcher National League is pursuing its plans to expand the first and second divisions from 16 to 18 teams divisions from 16 to 18 teams for the 1991-92 season. However, subject to approval by the management committee of the Hockey Association, it has made slight modifications on how this goal is to be achieved. At the end of the 1990-91 season the bottom two of the 16 teams in the first division will be

promoted to the first division from the second, to make a total

The second division, having

CYCLING

Sturgess obtains

benefit from the failure of

in France last summer and then found himself without a sponsor when his entire term was "sold

drew its support. sponsor, he was involved in a Freitas, of Brazil, who had the

motorway accident on his way same time.

Bobrik clings to lead BETHELEM, Pennsylvania 1,107-mile event.

and final clouble stage day of the

TRIATHLON

Alcala, eighth last year in the Tour de France, had earlier won the 16.5-mile individual time-

trial in 32min 03.07sec in Easton, Pennsylvania, to move within Imin 37sec of Bobrik after nine stages. Bobrik, aged 19. was placed fifth in 33min Bobrik and Alcala finished

On form, Olaf Jentzsch - one of a score of East Germans to

Today, Sturgess will

among an entry of 150 for a 100mile race at Vilvoorde, Belgium.

Cup champion, returns to competition five weeks after break-ing his collarbone in a fall.

JACA: Federico Echave, of

Spain, escaped the main pack on a mountain climb to win the

seventeenth leg of the 45th Tour

Tour of Trentino.

the evening race in a pack of riders that included the majority of the field, enabling Bobrik to

indeed when the two sides met striker but a dangerous forward whenever she reaches the circle. Capped 76 times, she has scored 85 inter-

> England, unfortunately, have been hit by injury and are down to 13 players. Joan Lewis, out of the tournament since the second day with a knee injury, flew home yesterday to go straight into hospital and Tammy Miller has been suffering from food poisoning. However, Kathryn Edwards, who had nine stitches in a facial cut on Tuesday, played on Wednesday and seems none the worse

for the injury. Sue Slocombe, the England coach, said she was very relieved that the team had reached the semi-finals but admitted: "It was against the odds that they finished as high as they did.

Australia, whose team in-cludes 11 of their Olympic gold medal winning squad, meet South Korea, their opponents in the final at Seoul, in the other semi-final. The South Koreans are the highest scoring team in the tour-nament with 17 from their five pool B matches, Australia, who topped pool A ahead of England, have missed seven penalty strokes, including one on Wednesday.

CETHERLANDS (from): J Toxopous, Korse v Australia; England v Netherlande Korse v Australia; England v Netherlande Clesetfication matches: West Germany v Bpein; New Zestend v China.

Big fresh tennis challenge

THE first British Students

Sports Federation tennis championship will take place this summer, thanks to sponsor-ship from Midland Bank and support from the LTA Trust. The event, from June 20 to 23 at Bristol University, will play a significant role in the selection of the British tennis team for the 991 World Student Game

Entry to the event is via the British Universities. Colleges

First to gain automatic qualification were the quarter-finalists of the British Univer-sities championships, held recently at West Worthing. In both the men's and women's singles, the defending cham-pions and No. I seeds, James Routledge and Isobel Wild, retained their respective titles. retained their respective titles.

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STUDENT SPORT

By Mike Lamb

and Polytechnics tennis cham-pionships, with a draw of 32 in the men's and women's singles and 16 in the doubles. A wild card system has been built in to attract British nationals studying oversess and to cater for home-based students who, through examinations, miss the qualifying championships.

High and handsome: James Fisher and Island Life jumping at Windsor yesterday

before McCormack arrived from England McCormack, a Master of the Garth and South

Berks, liked him and a deal was

after whom the horse is named.

prompt dividend. The young horse won the four-year-old class at Windsor in 1988 — a win

McCormack received a

Willie Griffin's perfect start

ROGER Stack and Sean McCormack's grand heavy-weight hunter, Willie Griffin, the winner of five championships last year, started the new show season in invincible form when winning the Ridden Hunter Championship at the Royal Windsor Horse Show

esterday.
Robert Oliver, who fulfilled a long-term aim by winning the prestigious novice hunter class on King Warrior — by Good Apple — went on to take the

reserve championship.
For Stack, who first rode at
Windsor 25 years ago, yesterday's victory was particularly sweet. "It's the one we all want to win. Windsor is a horse show not a county show — it's for

specialists, "he said. Willie Griffin, a seven-yearold gelding by Samiel, out of Beahala Damsel, has a perfect show-ring temperament — as he demonstrated when ridden by Stuart Stevens, of the two judges. Tubb Ivens, who replaced the injured John Daniell, judged the conformation.

class for the second successive year. The championship was Stack spotted Willie Griffin at the Dublin horse show as a fouryear-old and sat outside the won by the Connemara mare, stable for four days so that no one else could look at him

Hidi Rambler, Later in the evening, James Fisher, on his Argentinian-bred thoroughbred, Monterrey II, held on to their early lead to win the Albemarle speed stakes. Fisher, a former winner of the Windsor Grand Prix, finished almost four seconds ahead of the runners-up, Paul Crago on Who Dares.

borne won the four-year-old class at Windsor in 1988 — a win which heralded his five championships the following year. Only at the South of England show at Ardingly last June did he fail to impress the judges. There he stood third in his class.

Stack's aim this year is to win the Hunter championship at the Horse of the Year show in October, a prize which so far has eluded him.

In the Mountain and Moonland pony classes, the Queen, a regular visitor to the show, watched her Highland pony stallhon. Balmoral Dee, win his 67.67sec; 2. Who bares (P Crago) of June 19.0 facility of June 19.0 f

YACHTING

Dalton maintains his advantage over Blake

was made with the Whithread Round the World Race fleet Round the World Race fleet yesterday, the Argus reports showed them making good progress towards the Southampton fruish line, with Grant Dalton's Fisher & Paykel holding an 18-mile lead over the race leader, Steinlager 2.

The 22-strong fleet was about 240 miles to the south of

yachts were enjoying.

Apart from third-placed NCB Ireland, who was heading north east at 12 knots, Fisher & Paykel

ton's wake. Last night, the two yachts held almost parallel easterly courses, with Fisher & Paykel 35 miles to the north of

Steinlager. Rothmans, forced into port for repairs after the failure of a diagonal stroud on Monday, was making a slow impression on the tail end of the fleet.
Placed one from last in the

maxi division, she showed a steady gain against Liverpool Enterprise, who was 34 miles ahead of her lost night. But despite similar gains on the front of the fleet, which is still 192 miles away, it appears she will be fortunate to arrive in Southampton in better than a Stable companion Digression is 6-1 favourite. midflect position.

In division 3, Maiden was still retaining a slender four-mile lead over L'Esport de Liberte. lead over L'Esprit de Liberte.

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Hills in peak form as Blue Stag enters the Derby picture By Michael Seely, Racing Correspondent

THE form experts had to put first race for eight months and

their thinking caps on again at Chester yesterday when Blue Stag garrend binary and their thinking caps on again at the Predominate Stakes at the Predominate Stakes at Stag earned himself a 16-1 Derby quote by beating the favourites, Saumarez and Bridal The group three Ormonde Stakes was an extraordinary affair to watch. Michael Roberts Toast, in the Dee Stakes. on Brasshee and Carson on Albadr took the race by the scruff of the neck when sending

Charles St George and Henry Cecil, Saumarez's owner and trainer, had a further setback when Michelozzo, last year's St Leger winner, was beaten all ends up by Alec Stewart's promoted handicapper, Brasshee, in the Ormande Stakes ee. in the Ormonde Stakes. Not the semblance of a fluke

surrounded Blue Stag's threequarters of a length defeat of Saumarez, a victory which gave Barry Hills a remarkable ninth win in Chester's listed race in the past 20 years. Bridal Toast finished a further 12 lengths

Hills was in irresistible form on one of his favourite tracks. At the end of the afternoon Willie Carson brought Further Flight storming through to beat High | Kew in the Eaton Handicap and so complete a double of nearly 30-1 for the trainer and jockey. It was Hills's fifth victory of the

three-day meeting.
Yet another high-class winner sired by the young Northern Dancer stallion sensation, Sadler's Wells, Blue Stag was having ler's Wells, Blue Stag was having only the third race of his career. "There's no reason why he shouldn't run in the Derby," said Hills. "I know Robert would love him to. And when he won at Nottingham he beat Snurge, who's going for the William Hill Dante at York next

week."
The winner and runner-up came close together as Carson and Steve Cauthen duelled for the lead early in the straight.
"There was nothing to it," said
Hills. "They were both deterrained to come up the middle of

The winner carried the fam-ous emerald green, royal blue and white colours of Robert Sangster, previously successful in the Declay with The Minstral in the Derby with The Minstrel and Golden Fleece. "I don't say he'll win the Derby," said the late of Man-based millionsire. "But he is certainly entitled to take his chance in a year like

To say that the Derby market is in a volatile state, would be an understatement. But despite Bridal Toast's performance yesterday, there is no reason to doubt the ability of Digression, who beat him very easily in the Royal Lodge and remains 7-1

at Ascot in September. "Like most offspring of Sadler's Wells, he must have some cut in the ground," said Stewart. "He only works like an ordinary horse on the Lime-kilns. But I took him to the watered gallop the other day and watered gallop the other day and he showed at least 10lb improvement. I'd love to run him in the Coronation Cup but

it all depends on the going.

After Richard Hills had won the Sceptre Fillies' Stakes on Mathkurh for Tom Jones, Angus Gold, manager for the winning owner, Hamdan Al-Maktoum, said: "I suppose the Queen Mary at Ascot is a possibility. As far as Salsabil and the Oaks is concerned, or indeed what her next race is going to be, we are going to try somethi

Goodwood on May 23, just 14

their mounts past the pace-making Top Class three furlougs from home.

Michelozzo became badly of outpaced and was only fifth of the six runners with a furlong to run. But the 11-8 on favourite

then rallied to such purpose that

he was only three lengths behind Braashee at the line.

season, as a three-year-old, the Sadler's Wells colt had several

times shown a formidable turn of speed, particularly when win-ning the Tote Festival Handicap

Stewart trains Breashee for

days before the great race.

Lowe's appeal successful

JOCKEY Club stewards in John Lowe at Thirsk on Saturday. Lowe finished first on Hatta Fort in the Milleate Maiden Stakes but the Thirsk stewards placed Hatta Fort second, awarded the race to

Lowe for careless riding.

Having watched a recording of the race and listened to legal representations on behalf of all parties, the disciplinary committee found that Hatta Fort had interfered with Tinkerbird but that the interference was accidental. They therefore con-firmed the placings but quashed

Aliysa inquiry research have collated this latest evi-THE Aga Khan's scientific ex-

perts are to visit the Horseracing Forensic Laboratory at New-market today to collect further evidence for the Aliysa inquiry

(Michael Seely writes).
"There has been so little commercial work done about camphor that very little is known about it," said Matthew

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Yesterday's results

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3.15 (7f) 1, SHATTERIED DREAMS (L. Danon, 9-2 tan); 2, Shatter E4 (B. Marcia, 12-1); 2, Berestein (W.R. Swindown, 7-1); 3, Superstein (M. Roberts, 7-1). ALSO RAN: 6 Solell Grand, 8 Potes*a Dream, Rawtuben, 9 Native Tribe, 12 Get Going (6th), 14 Judgement Call, Facility Letter (5th), 20 Gienstal Princess., 25 Screen Call Statily Letter (5th), 20 Gienstal Princess., 25 Screen Call Statily Letter (5th), 20 Gienstal Princess., 25 Screen Call Statily Letter (5th), 20 Gienstal Princess., 25 Screen Call Statily Letter (5th), 20 Gienstal Princess., 25 Screen Call Statily Letter (5th), 20 Gienstal Call Statily Letter (5th), 20 Gienstal Call Statily Letter (5th), 21 Gienstal Call Statily Letter (5th), 25 July 15 July

3.45 (1m 5f 80yd) 1, BRAASHEE (M Roberts, 6-1); 2, Michelazzo (S Cauthen, 8-11 lav); 3, Michelazzo (S Cauthen, 8-11 lav); 3, Mic Pinigo (6th), 10 By Charter (6th), 33 Mr Pinigo (5th), 6 ran. 3, rk, sh nd, 2, 25, A Supplied Neumania, Tosc 08.40; 52.20, 5:20, DF: 63.40, CSF: 210.41, 2min 58.17aec.

4.15 (S) 7, A A EXPRESS (O Certar, 12-1); 2, Joe Sugden (W Newmer, 4-1); 3, Haurath's Boy (A Proud, 33-1), ALSO HAN: 2 law Great Chaddington (40h, 13-2 Absolution, 10 Yeoman Force (5th), 11 Tachyon Park, 12 Restless Don, Situs Venture, 50 Ever Reckless (6th), 66 Jive Music, 11 ran, 15t, 15t, 15t, 45, 2, B McMahon at Tamworth, Tota: £13.40; 22.60, £1.50, £5.60, OF: £26.60, CSF: £26.01, Titolast, £1.50, £5.60, OF: £26.60, CSF: £26.60, £1.50, £5.60, OF: £26.60, CSF: £26.60, £1.50, £5.60, £1.50, £1.50, £1.50, £1.50, £1.50, £1.50, £1.50, £1.50, £1.50, £1.50, £1.50, £1.50, £1.50, £1.50, £1.50, £1.50, £1.50, £1.50, £1.50, £1.50, £1.50, £1.50, £1.50, £1.50, £1.50, £1.50, £1.50, £1.50, £1.50, £1.50, £1.50, £1.50, £1.50, £1.50, £1.50, £1.50, £1.50, £1.50, £1.50, £1.50, £1.50, £1.50, £1.50, £1.50, £1.50, £1.50, £1.50, £1.50, £1.50, £1.50, £1.50, £1.50, £1.50, £1.50, £1.50, £1.50, £1.50, £1.50, £1.50, £1.50, £1.50, £1.50, £1.50, £1.50, £1.50, £1.50, £1.50, £1.50, £1.50, £1.50, £1.50, £1.50, £1.50, £1.50, £1.50, £1.50, £1.50, £1.50, £1.50, £1.50, £1.50, £1.50, £1.50, £1.50, £1.50, £1.50, £1.50, £1.50, £1.50, £1.50, £1.50, £1.50, £1.50, £1.50, £1.50, £1.50, £1.50, £1.50, £1.50, £1.50, £1.50, £1.50, £1.50, £1.50, £1.50, £1.50, £1.50, £1.50, £1.50, £1.50, £1.50, £1.50, £1.50, £1.50, £1.50, £1.50, £1.50, £1.50, £1.50, £1.50, £1.50, £1.50, £1.50, £1.50, £1.50, £1.50, £1.50, £1.50, £1.50, £1.50, £1.50, £1.50, £1.50, £1.50, £1.50, £1.50, £1.50, £1.50, £1.50, £1.50, £1.50, £1.50, £1.50, £1.50, £1.50, £1.50, £1.50, £1.50, £1.50, £1.50, £1.50, £1.50, £1.50, £1.50, £1.50, £1.50, £1.50, £1.50, £1.50, £1.50, £1.50, £1.50, £1.50, £1.50, £1.50, £1.50, £1.50, £1.50, £1.50, £1.50, £1.50, £1.50, £1.50, £1.50, £1.50, £1.50, £1.50, £1.50, £1.50, £1.50, £1.50, £1.50, £1.50, £1.50, £1.50, £1.50, £1.50, £1.50, £1.50, £1.50, £1.50, £1.50, £1.50, £1.50, £1.50, £1.50, £1.50, £1.50, £1.50, £1.50, £1.50, £1.50, £1.50, £1.50, £1.50, £1.50, £1.50, £1.50, £1.50, £1.50, £1.50, £1.50, £1.50, £1.50, £1.50, £1.50, £1.50, £1.50, £1.50, £1.50, £1.50, £1.50, £1 ESECT. Treast F1.993. II. Inter D1.00cc.
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Jackson Horsey, Placement 126,79. William Hill report Derby backing for Duke Of Paducah, who runs at Lingfield today, and have cut the Guy Har trained colt to 20-1 (from 25-1).

Thursday's late results Sandown Park

Goings good to fine
7.35 (5f) 1, Bold Linz (Paul Eddery, 4-1 lav); 2, Love Returned (12-1); 3, Sharegil (50-1), 12 ran, 4, 25f, M Hayres, Tole: F4.80; 21.90, 23.00, 518.40, DF; 240.50, CSF; 240.30, Trease 51.55; 41.

5.5 (IM) 1, Rezenet (S. Cauther, 4-5 leaves 8.5 (1m) 1, Rezeen (S Catathen, 4-5 lav); 2, Rejoneo (11-10), 2 ran. Nr. H Cock. Toks 21.40.

Tota: ET.40.

8.35 (1m 6) 1. Tulse One (G Carter, 6-1);
2. Silver Owl (5-1); 3. Holy Zeal (7-2 lav).
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Wagg. Tota: E9.50; E2.40, E2.10, E1.70.
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7.30 (2m h(3e) 1, Secretic (C Hamilton, 15-8 fav); 2, Icland Jersetter (9-2); 3, Sherwood Gunner (4-1), 11 ran, Ne, 151, J. Haschin, Tota; (5-2); F.1.70, F.1.70, F.1.50, DF; E1.50, CSP; E1.124, Tricost, E25, 84,

2.0 (im 4f) 1, SURCOAT (Deen McKsown, 4-1); 2, Misty Eyes (G Durmaid, 11-6 Fav); 3, Call Resocial (J Blessdele, 14-1), ALSO RAN: 15-2 Lingfield Luss (Stri., 10 Kings Meeting (4th, 12 Sky Fighter, 16 Golden Fighte, 20 triagetty Boy (8th), 33 Song Of Gymcrait, 9 ran, 1%, 1%, 18, 15, 8. C W Essey at Melton, Total C.50; 22-40, 21.30, 21.10, DF: 23.00, CSF: 31.55, Trices 155.13.

250 (1m) 1, Hight PURSE (M Wighern, 11-4; Bhandarhr's nap & Private Handi-capter top reiming); 2 Combeten Cellisis (M Birch, 7-2); 3, Brackeshrough Lad (Alex Greeves, 50-1), ALSO RAN: 5-2 have Caught Unewares (40h), 11-2 Mischelt (5th), 15 Tawilh, 25 Diemond Sprice (6th), 33 Hactenda, 100 Oxford Paddy, 150 Material Gold, Oxford Paddy, 150 Material Gold, Oxford Paddy, 150 Material Gold, Oxford Paddy, 150 Material Reime, 200 Alterna, 15y, 12 ran, 14, 15, 15, 11, 14, 13, 6 Huffer at Newmarkst. Tota: E3.60; £1.10, £1.60, £31.20. DF: £4.00. CSF: £1.10, £1.60, £31.20. DF: £4.00. CSF: £1.10, £1.60, £31.20. DF: £4.00. CSF: £1.10, £31.60, £31.60, £31.60, £31.60, £31.60, £31.60, £31.60, £31.60, £31.60, £31.60, £31.60, £31.60, £31.60, £31.60, £31.60, £31.60, £31.60, £31.60, £31.60, £31.60, £31.60, £31.60, £31.60, £31.60, £31.60, £31.60, £31.60, £31.60, £31.60, £31.60, £31.60, £31.60, £31.60, £31.60, £31.60, £31.60, £31.60, £31.60, £31.60, £31.60, £31.60, £31.60, £31.60, £31.60, £31.60, £31.60, £31.60, £31.60, £31.60, £31.60, £31.60, £31.60, £31.60, £31.60, £31.60, £31.60, £31.60, £31.60, £31.60, £31.60, £31.60, £31.60, £31.60, £31.60, £31.60, £31.60, £31.60, £31.60, £31.60, £31.60, £31.60, £31.60, £31.60, £31.60, £31.60, £31.60, £31.60, £31.60, £31.60, £31.60, £31.60, £31.60, £31.60, £31.60, £31.60, £31.60, £31.60, £31.60, £31.60, £31.60, £31.60, £31.60, £31.60, £31.60, £31.60, £31.60, £31.60, £31.60, £31.60, £31.60, £31.60, £31.60, £31.60, £31.60, £31.60, £31.60, £31.60, £31.60, £31.60, £31.60, £31.60, £31.60, £31.60, £31.60, £31.60, £31.60, £31.60, £31.60, £31.60, £31.60, £31.60, £31.60, £31.60, £31.60, £31.60, £31.60, £31.60, £31.60, £31.60, £31.60, £31.60, £31.60, £31.60, £ 21.00, k31.20. DP: £4.00. CSF: £11.05.
3.9 (1m) 1, GHADBBAAN (Kim Tinkler, 6-4 fav); 2, Javert (M Wigham, 9-1); 3, Nafuat (A Shouts, 20-1). ALSO RAN: 3 Juvenera (4th), 12 Fieet Special (5th), 16 Wedding Day, 20 Junuh, 33 Echo One, Aqualinted, 50 Okypous, 66 Eye Bee Alch (6th), 11 rah. NR: Smoke, Cool Erough, Touchtle Pride, 5, 21, 4, 11, 11, N Tinkler at Malton, Tote: £2.60; £1.10, £2.70, £5.60.
DF: £1.90. CSF: £12.13.

OF: E11.80. CSF: E12.13.
3.30 (77) 1, MANSE KEY GOLD (A Cohane, 4-1 k-lay, 2, Azubah (N Kennedy, 12-1); 2, Big Eck (S Maidray, 7-1); ALSO RAN: 4 k-lay Margs Girl (Sth), Nidomi (44h), Punish, 14 Frantis Furnish, 18 Lombard Therch (5th), 50 Durmounin. 9 ran. 31, dawd heat, 44, 11, 11/4. R Earnshaw at Harrogath. Tota: E3.10; E1.10, Azubah; E2.50. DF: Marse Key Gold & Big Eck E3.50. CSF Marse Key Gold & Big Eck E3.50. CSF Marse Key Gold & Big Eck E3.70. Marse Key Gold & Big Eck E14.44 Tricast: Marse Key Gold, Azubah: E21.87. Mense Key Gold & Big Eck E14.44 Tricast: Marse Key Gold, Azubah & Big Eck E14.62. Anne Key Gold, Big Eck E14.63. Anne Key Gold Big Eck E14.64 Tricast: Marse Key Gold Big Eck E14.64 Tricast: Marse Key Gold, Azubah & Big Eck E14.64 Tricast: Marse Key Gold, Azubah & Big Eck E14.64 Tricast: Marse Key Gold, Elg Eck & Azusah; Trias.04 All Esh 1 KANDADA & Big Eck E18.04

4.0 (5) 1, KANDARA (R P Esiot. 6-1); 2, indicate (N Cornorton, 5-2 |)-lav); 3, Food Of Love (J Cerroll, 5-2 |)-lav), ALSO RAN; 4 Domnor Turbo (441), 8 East Serris (8th); 20 Premier Choice, Montaut, 25 Gymcrak Fortane (5th), 33 Lifetimes Ambidion, 9 ran, NPt; Little Monta, nk, %1, 81, 71, 21, M Johnston et Middleham, Tols: £5.80; 22.40, £1.20, £1.20, DF: £8.40, C8F; £20,78.

Plecepte: \$18.00.

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5-1); 2. Camonnego (8-4); 3. Fiver House (4-5 fev), 4 ran. 5l, 30l, J Macdie. Total (5-10, 0); 24.50, CSF; 214.58, 8.20 (2m 4) fide) 1, Super Trix (D Byrns, 15-2); 2, Genderry (4-1); 3, Classby Hill (11-4), Olivers Hill 7-4 fev, 9 ran. 21, 25l, G Richards, Total; 28.50; 21.90, 21.50, 21.50, DF; 215.60, CSF; 235.79, Placapot; 2146.30.

Worcester

Cobes possi 7.30 (2m hdle) 1, Atig (R Guest, 4-8 tar); 1, Swift Ascent (11-4); 3, Bel Course (13-3, 4 ran. 11/L, nk. 6 Belding, Tota: £1.50. 3F: £1.50, CSF: £2.76. 8.0 (2m ch) 1, Court Replay (R Bellaty). 10-11 fav): 2, Sendmoor Prince (12-1): 3. Grey Torrado (11-4), 4 fan. 31, 151 Mrs H Parrott. Tota: 21.50. DF: 27.00, CSF: 28.38. 8.30 (2m 4f hole) 1. Olear (5 Hodgson, 15-8 lav); 2. Germanam (25-1; 3. Cossent Paper (3-1), 7 ran, 2½, 1 i. G Baiding, Total 12.50; 21.90, 28.20. DF: 126.40. CSF. 134.04.

HOCKEY

england, delighted to have victory, it was very close not only their short corner striker but a dangerous forin the final of the European Cup in London in 1987, Then, after a 2-2 draw after extra afternoon at the stadium, time, the Dutch won on penalty strokes. The teams have been in

where today they meet The Netherlands for a place in the England's game will be played late in the afternoon when the temperature will be cooler than the 80°F likely earlier in the day. England and the Dutch are the only two teams yet to concede a goal and England will be encouraged by their recent

Although the Dutch are entempting a third successive World Cup triumph, after their wins at Kuala Lumpur

for league expansion By Sydney Friskin sent four teams up to the first division and relegated the bot-tom two to the regional leagues, tom two to the regional leagues, will have room for six regional league champions to make a total of 18, thus eliminating, for the present, the inter-league play-offs. A further revision of the system seems likely for the season to follow.

● The National League manage ment committee has imposed a fine of £250 on Lyons, the second-division club, for being relegated to the second division, leaving room for four clubs to be in breach of the disciplinary code. Players from the club received a total of 20 yellow temporary suspension cards and one red card for permanent dismissal during the season.

Milk Race place

COLIN Sturgess, Britain's only world champion and who is now based in Belgium, will be riding sponsorship was confirmed. over home roads again later this month following the decision yesterday to give his team, Tulip Computers, a place in the 1,200turn professional this year - is the leading rider for the Tulip team. The runner-up in the team. The runner-up in the Warsaw-Berlin-Prague amateur race last year, he has already established himself in the cash mile Milk Race which starts in Penzance, Cornwall, on May 27. The Tulip Computers riders

glass, to confirm its original acceptance. Sturgess's learn col-leagues include Cayn Theakston, the British rider who has won the Tour of Portugal. Sturgess was delighted yes-terday with the Milk Race place; he suffered a knee injury after winning the world pursuit title

of Spain (AP reports).

Echave covered the 151.2kilometre (93.7-mile) stage in

March, when still without a 3hr 55min 47sec to beat Cassio on" to a Spanish company which almost immediately with-

(AP) — Olaf Ludwig, of East Germany, chained his third stage win and Raul Alcala, of Mexico, began his assault on the lead of the Soviet amateur, Vyacheslav Bobrik, in the Tour

Ludwig, one of East Germany's first coofessional athletes. won a field sprint to take the 71-mile Lehigh Valley circuit race in 3hr 0min 43sec in the third

drawn to team event

By Ian Sweet THE inter-regional championship, taking place on Sunday at Guiseley, Leeds, has attracted teams from 11 of the 12 British Triathlon Association regions. The event is unique in the calendar, being purely a team

The British waters at this time of year are still extremely cold and most events have the opening swimming section tak-ing place in an indoor pool.

Guiseley is no exception as each of the 16 members will in turn complete 1,500 metres of the Airborough Leisure Centre pool before embarking on the

final 10-kilometre run. Unlike most triathlons which effectively a time trial as the only competitors who will set off together are the first strings of cach team. After that, each team member

3-kilometre bike course and

will start on the swim only when the previous one has finished this section. As one would expect from any event being held in the county of Yorkshire, the bike and run sections are physically demand-ing and will certainly test to the full how effective has been the winter training of every single

championships, this event does bring together the strongest field with everyone looking for a good start to the long season

Nations do battle for a place in the rugby union World Cup

ZIMBABWE, Tunisia, Morocco and Ivory Coast, the four African nations involved in the World Cup qualifying tournament, are also battling for the equally prestigious African Nations Cup.

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Zimbabweans seem to operate at the opposing end of the coached by Duncan Rossiter, a New Zealander, employ a no-nonsense, pragmatic approach which brought

Unbeknown to most followers of the game, Africa has been putting its rugby house in order for the past four years. A combination of factors, includ-ing the demise of South Africa as the perceived representative of African rugby, the emergence of the International Rugby Board (IRB) as a genuine governing body and the subsequent birth of the World Cup

have changed the geography of African rugby.
In addition to the old Empire network of rugby playing na-tions, the Francosone Africa is making a powerful impact. More than half of the 15 members of the African Rugby Confederation (CARA) are French-speaking. Sadly, only four CARA mem-

IRB, which seems to account for the small number of participants involved in the present tournament in Harare.
"We expected Kenya, Mauritania and Malawi to come too, but with the World Cup and the Africa Cup being played at the same time some nations must have felt confused," Dr

bers are also associated to the

Bouraui Regaya, of Tunisia, the CARA treasurer, said. Zimbahwe and Tunisia have emerged as the leading contenders for the second African Cup South African Rugby Board, and the coveted World Cup slot, enjoy the privilege of hosting In trying to achieve their goal, senior touring nations, have the North Africans and the scored some famous wins glory.

Regions are Africa strengthens its stance

Zimbabweans seem to operate at the opposing end of the can Rossiter, a New Zealander, employ a no-nonsense, prag-matic approach which brought them the scalps of the talented Moroccans and the unexpectedly resourceful Ivory Coast. Tunisia, coached by Francis Crespo, a Frenchman, play a more flamboyant and

adventurous game and despite being prone to mistakes, have managed to stay unbeaten so far. The clash of the two nations the Harare Police Ground tomorrow is awaited here with a degree of interest usually reserved for football

internationals.

The history of the game in the two countries is as contrasting as their playing styles. Zimbabwe will soon celebrate the passing of a hundred years since the first rugby game was played by settlers on the dry sand-bed

years old. The federation was formed in 1972 and in 1979 the new rugby nation was thrashed 104-3 by the full French team in their first international. Supported by the Tunisian Government, the game took off spectacularly and in 1985 Tunisia beat Romania 17-15, the first sign of the dramatic Romanian decline and a landmark in

the history of Tunisian rugby.

Zimbabwe, who, as part of the

Tunisian rugby is less than 20

and the Pumas of Argentina. After independence, however, the game, confined solely 10 white players, took a nosedive. The South African connection was severed and the white population dwindled. The Zimbabwe Rugby Union was faced with a stark choice: either sink into oblivion, or

promote the game among the blacks. The result of the new approach has been spectacular, with rugby the fastest growing team sport in the country. Though Zimbabwe are strongly supported by their own public, the favourites of the crowd are the also-rans - Morocco and the players from

Ivory Coast. The Moroccans, with 12 of their players taking part in the French championship, showed glimpses of flair and enterprise. However, the dark horse of the competition, the Ivory Coast, had no one to blame but themselves for losing to both Zimbabwe and Tunisia. Ivory Coast look now like the Fijians some 10 years ago, when they set the world alight with their dazzling unorthodoxy.

On the strength of the display

in Harare the potential of African rugby appears virtually unlimited. With Namibia jointhe African Confederation. with the West African nations increasingly assertive and with South African resources becoming available to the rest of the continent, African rugby could look forward to a decade of development and perhaps even

ALTHOUGH no voice contact and he, too, has now turned east was made with the Whithread to avoid being directly in Dal-

240 miles to the south of Halifax, Nova Scotia, and was running north eastwards in a moderate strong breeze. Peter Blake's Steinlager, in the centre of the laterally separated fleet, was making 11.9 knots on an almost northerny course in a presumed attempt to reach the stronger following winds which the more northerly placed

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Improving Norwich to follow up

HAVING enjoyed a double at Chester on Wednesday, the old firm of Barry Hills and Steve Cauthen now look poised to strike again at Lingfield this afternoon with Norwich, who is napped to land the Seeboard Graduation

It was of course Hills, with the help of Robert Sangster, who persuaded Cauthen to broaden his horizon by riding for them in this country in 1979. And it was Hills, then based in Lambourn, who provided the American jockey with his first British winner at his first attempt (Marquee Universal) and his first classic winner (Tap On Wood) only four weeks later.

Disappointed as he obviously was when Cauthen was lured to Newmarket by the

By Mandarin

2.00 Golden Reverie, 2.30 Combined Exercise, 3.00 Duke Of Paducah.

3.30 NORWICH (nap).



prospect of riding for Henry Cecil, Hills bore no grudges. So it was almost second nature for him to turn to Cauthen to help out when his son and current stable jockey, Michael, began a two-week suspension.

ing because in his two races last season he ran much too freely for his own good when beaten by Bridal Toast at York and again when only fourth behind Shavian at Ascot. That tendency to pull hard baffled

Hills as the colt had never done anything wrong at home. In contrast to Norwich, who could not have raced more sweetly on his seasonal debut, Marienski, Dick Hera's runner for the Queen, could hardly have made a less satisfactory start to his threeyear-old campaign than he did at Sandown where he finished

last but one.
Admittedly, he was contesting a Derby trial but the fact ins he was wearing blinkers for the first time and, when he stopped pulling, he basically stopped racing.

prefer Norwich, who may have most to fear from Courtesy Title, four lengths in front of the third when runner-up to Alfujairah in a Newbury handicap on his reappearance.

Duke Of Padneah, one of Guy Harwood's Derby entries and one who is certain to run, if only because his owner is already insisting, gets his first taste of racing on an undulat-ing track when he contests the Ken Butler Wines Stakes. So far he has raced only at Newmarket where he has

finished first and second. Unfortunately, competition today is limited to one opponent but when the opponent in question is trained by Clive Brittain, all manner of surprises is possible. The recent victories of Anvari at New-market and Pharian at Chester

camp has a key line on Ridgepoint through another of their horses, Adding, who was just beaten by Ridgepoint at Haydock last October.

At Beverley, John Lowe, who yesterday had a four-day suspension quashed at Portman Square, can celebrate by winning the first two races on Katie Valentine (2.15) and Authorship (2.45).

John Carroll can do likewise at Carlisle on the Jack Berry-trained juveniles, Touch Of Blue (3.45) and Lacky Manley

On the jumping front, I take No One To Blame to continue his steady climb up the ladder by winning tonight's Roddy Baker Gold Cup at Stratford.

Blinkered first time LINGFIELD PARK: 2.30 Spittre Jubies. 4.0 Al-Torismen, SEVERLEY: 3.15 Jubren, Cottan Lad; 4.15 Electric Rose, CAR-LISLE: 5.45 Corporate Member.

Just Three for successful raid

From Our Irish Racing Correspondent, Dublin

against the chances of Elementary, who put up some superb weight-carrying perfor-mances in handicaps last season when racing left-handed at

mentary provide robust oppo-sition for the two English raiders, Just Three and Eton Lad, in the Pacemaker Update Leopardstown.
Pat Eddery pays his first visit to Ireland this season for the mount on Eton Lad, who last time out recorded a comfortable victory over Lifewatch Vision in the Blue Riband Trial Stakes at Ensem. Phoenix Park tonight but he has also bought out Mrs Jim McMorrow's half-share in the leading Irish chaser, Carvill's Hill.

This was good news for Jim Dreaper as the borse will remain in training with him and will run in the colours of his new part-

Just Three was a model of consistency last year and a great credit to his Irish-born tramer Matt McCormack, scoring five times. These wins included an all-the-way victory over Corwyn
Bay in the EBF Hardwicke Cup
over seven furlongs at the
O'Brien.

Phoenix Park with another year over his head he should manage the cata furlant here and another lim win could his way. Vincent O'Brien reintroduces

Vincent o often reintroduces his unbeaten spring prissance in the Hatch Street ESF Race. His career was interroduct by injury this time last year but he is reported to have make a good recovery.

recovery.

Jonathan Irwin who inned Ryanair as marketing director in January has left the company and returns to the Phoenic Participanting of the partner, John Sanderson, half a management contract from Robert Sangster and Vincent O'Brien.

CARLISLE (4) Selections

PAUL Green, the Jersey owner,

is doubly in the news today. Not only will his versatile Ele-

owner.

The fact that racing at the Park tonight will be on the right-handed track may militate

By Mandarin

3.45 Touch Of Blue. 4.15 Lucky Manley. 4.45 Petrol Blue. 5.15 Galloway Raider. 5.45 Calachuchi. 6.15 Elemis. 6.45 Noble Fellow. By Our Newmarket Correspondent

3.45 Kirby Opportunity. 4.15 Birling Ashes. 4.45 Strah Carter. 5.45 Vogos Angel. 6.15 KLEMIS (nap). 6.45 Noble Fellow. Michael Seely's selection: 6.15 Elemis.

Going: good (good to soft in places)

Draw: 5f-1m, high numbers best 3.45 IRTHING SELLING STAKES (2-Y-O: £2,679:

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4.15 CALDEW MAIDEN STAKES (2-Y-O: 22,564:

4.45 HICKSON HANDICAP (3-Y-O: £2,581: 6f) (6)

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 Middleham trainer Mark Johnston, owner Alastair Dinsmore and jockey Bobby Elliott landed a 511/2-1 double in the last two races at Carlisle yesterday with Kandara and Crail

5.15 HECKMONDWIKE HANDICAP (52,802- 100 BB) 6 E-84 HIGHLAND PARK 11 (F) F Watton 4-9-10. D Nico 7 D-81 FVE GOTTA TELL YA 18 (G) Cupt J Wilson 4-8-8

5.45 INTERFACE CLAUMING STAKES (3-Y-O: £2,539: 1m) (8)

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4 494 PHILIPPA'S HER 3 (BF) R Shirbs 8-9 D Michelle 4
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8-6 VOGOS ANGEL 18 Prescot 8-1 D Dudfield 14
15-6 VOGOS ANGEL 18 Prescot 8-1 D Corporate Mars. 15-8 Vogos Angel, 11-4 Celachuchi, 7-2 Corporate Member, 6-1 Philippe's Heir, 10-1 Tenderioin, 16-1 others.

6.15 AMANDA HANDICAP (3-Y-O: £2,448: 1m) (8)

13-8 Elemia, 3-1 Eurobistics, 5-1 Luck O'The Irieli, 6-1 President George, 8-1 Go For Glory, 14-1 Others. 6.45 LEVY BOARD MAIDEN STAKES (3-Y-O.

22,432: 71) (14)

1 6 SELFORT PRINCE 25 G Moore 9-0 — R Keessely (7) 8

2 96 SONANZA 14 C Thorron 9-0 — J Bleedale 5

3 005 CUMBRIAN SINGER 195 M H Easterby 9-0 — R Sinch 3

4 9 FACE IP 24 889 H Cacl 9-0 — W R System 6

5 09 PANICE FELLOW 20 B Harrisry 9-0 — W R System 7

7 0 RACTINE DOWNOV 272 C Thorron 9-0 — D Nebule 8

5 STRAGENTASANARROW C Thorron 9-0 — D Nebule 8

5 STRAGENTASANARROW C Thorron 9-0 — C Academe 14

6 VICTOROUS PRINCE 14 Presson 9-0 — G Optical 13

10 9 WILL 22 C Thorron 9-0 — K Denicy 9

11 8 TORS MELOOY 19 Mrs G Reveley 8-9 — J Lowe 11

12 HANALAPAN J Etherington 8-9 — K Denicy 9

13 BISS PORTIA J Witzs 6-0 — R P Elloh 7

14 5-PAR 06 LUBC 211 W Essy 8-9 — G A Bester 1

4-5 Fisce Up. 4-1 Noble Fellow, 6-1 Cumbrian Singer, 8-1

Bontanza, Miss Portia, 12-1 livers Melody, 20-1 others,

Course specialists TRAINERS: B Hanbury, S winners from 11 runners, 27.3%; J Wates, 12 from 60, 20.0%; R Whiteker, 3 from 19, 15.8%; J Berry, 9 from 89, 13.2%; M H Enembry, 7 from 55, 12.7%; J H Wilson, 3 from 24, 12.5%.

JOCKEYS: M Hindley, 4 winners from 25 rides, 18.0%; A Culture, 8 from 55, 15.1%; M Birch, 14 from 96, 14.6%; D Nicholls, 10 from 63, 10.8%; (Only qualifiers). (Not including yesterday's results

7.30 NEEDHAM & JAMES NOVICES HUNTERS CHASE (Amateurs: £1,957: 2m 5f) (15)

1 12FF MASTER ERYL 15 (0F,F) Mrs R Guiding 7-12-6

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Selections By Mandarin

6.0 Billsha. 6.30 Proplus. 7.0 No One To Blame. 7.30 Master Eryl. 8.0 Disneyland. 8.30 Peristyle. Brian Beel's selection: 7.30 Adventures.

Going: good

5.0 OXHILL NOVICES HURDLE (£1,680: 2m) (7

Billigha, 12-1 Palm Swift, 14-1 Rare Fish, 20-1 Coxann. 6.30 SHELDON BOSLEY MEMORIAL TROPHY (Novices Chase: £2,843: 3m 2f) (4)

5-6 Proplus, 6-4 Lough Road, 8-1 Torymore Green, 14-1

7.0 RODDY BAKER GOLD CUP (Handicep Chase: 23,852: 2m 6f) (7)

1,852: ZITI OT) (1)

1 5402 AURITE DOT 24 (C.F.G.R) J Webber 9-11-10. 14 Lynch
2 435F DUDIE 23 (F.G.S) R Abelurat 12-11-8. L. Harvey
3 12FU SOUTHERMAIR 36 (B.F.G.S) J Jackins 10-11-5. R Germandy 4 POPS GALA'S MAGE 13 (F.C.S) I McConnochio 10-10-12 5 4121 NO ONE TO BLAME 12 (F,S) N Handarson 8-10-12

6 4962 SOLAR CLOUD 27 (F.O.S) N Charles 8-10-0 J Lodes 7 3UPP BUSTED SPRING 20 (F) K Wass 9-10-0 T Wall Course specialists TRAINERS: R Akehuret. 10 winners from 23 numers, 43.5%; N Henderson, 20 from 70, 28.6%; J Edwards, 15 from 56, 25.6%; Afric J Phonan, 13 from 53, 24.5%; G Basding, 3 from 17, 17.6%; R Lee, 3 from 23, 13.0%.

JOCKEYS: G McCourt, 15 winners from 70 ridge, 21.4%; J White, 11 from 54, 20.4%; J Lodder, 3 from 19, 15.6%; R Darwoody, 18 from 130, 13.8%; S Smith Ecoles, 8 from 62, 12.9%.

2 1P MIC-MAC EXPRESS 20 (F) Mrs L Sycholon U-4 ADVENTURES 67 R Evel 10-12-0 97 99 ANOTHER SMOKEY 995 S Stunders 7-12-0 T Steph CAMPSTOKE Miss S Cook 8-12-0 CHLHAMPTOK C Gram 8-12-0 T M CODIEST R7 MIST H MODEY 10-12-0 Miss K I CORSHANDER J Smyth-Oscours 6-12-0

B GFP START BAY GE R Godderd 8-12-0 Dampth-Oaks
TO TALLAND FREESPERT W Russen 10-12-0 B M
TO DODGY DECISION 1179 Mass C Damyman 9-11G GAY RHYTTAN 34 FT TH 10-11-9 13 GOY MIKEY'S MONKEY 738 (V) R PETER 7-11-6 14 SP-4 PANEROY'S DAUGHTER 14 W Alcock 9-11-9

15 22-6 PENTINO 41 B Holmes 10-11-9. 5-4 Mester Eryl, 3-1 Adventures, 4-1 Coverder, 6-1 Chilhampton, 6-1 Mic-Mac Express, 12-1 Codger, 14-1 others.

8.0 BISHOPTON NOVICES HANDICAP HURDLE (£1,786: 2m) (8)

3 P205 CRANCHETER 25 (8) T Etherington 6-10-3. E 4 2/0 NORTHERN BARRY 55 J McCommoche 6-10-8 J 5 R216 SAM FRANCISCO JOE 59 A Denson 6-10-8 J R Denson 6-10-8 J R Denson 6-10-8 J R Denson 6-10-8 R Denson 6-10 8 PRO2 DUNCAN IDANO 27 R Cellow 7-10-1 ______ 5 Emile 7 058- SCAMPEROO STE Mrs G Jones 6-10-0 _____ R Hyelt 8 5-50 MOUNT TORUS 67 S Christian 6-10-9 A Resilication (3)

8.30 DORSINGTON HANDICAP HURDLE (£1,925:

1 6-18 SHOOKER TABLE 21 (D.F.G) K WHIIN 7-11-10

\$ 5000 THE LEGGATE STAR 29 M Tets 7-10-0 D Gallegie 7-2 Paristyle, 9-2 Olympus Rest, 5-1 Noble Bid, 11-2 mplicus Boy, 7-1 Tierum, 8-1 Snooker Table.

TAUNTON Selections By Mandarin

6.0 Colonial Office. 6.30 Fit For Counsel. 7.0 Don't Be Late, 7.30 Rastannora, 8.0 Gay Edition, 8.30 Bonnie Boy.

6.0 MAY JUVENILE NOVICES HURDLE (21,492: 2m 110yd) (4 runners)

10-11 Utra Violet, 2-1 Colonial Office, 5-1 Stratey Sunshine, 10-1 During Class.

6.30 BATHPOOL NOVICES SELLING HURDLE

7 POSS WEST LODGE LADY 4 (2) N Thomson 6-11-0 B Wright

1-3 Fit For Counsel, 8-1 Mr Murdock, 8-1 Deer Mill, 12-1 Soldier Brave, 20-1 Weet Lodge Ludy, 25-1 others. 7.0 CLARKE, WILLMOTT & CLARKE NOVICES HANDICAP CHASE (£2,173: 3m) (6)

4-5 Dan't Be Late, 3-1 Rare Bid, 6-1 New Game, 10-1 Majastic Bruno, 20-1 Raheen Na More, 33-1 Kyle Wood. 2 SIZE RASTANDORA 14 (CJEF,F,S) M Pipe 5-11-0 M Poster (7) 3 JUNE VISION OF WONDER HIF (F) J Rog 8-18-7

7.30 CLARKE, WILLMOTT & CLARKE HANDICAP

4 0816 MORE HILL 6 (V,C,F) R Brotherton 5-19-6 S Wheels (2) 5 P304 ARBITRAGE 13 (C,C,S) B Forcey 9-10-4..... N Column 8-11 Restannors, 7-2 Thats Hios, 6-1 Nove Hill, 10-1 Vision Of Wonder, 14-1 Arbitrage.

BJ MRM PARTNERSHIP HANDICAP CHASE (£2,238: 2m 110yd) (4) 1 119U BOARDMANS STYLE 105 (D.F.Q.S) M Pips 18-11-10 2 RP71 QAY EDITION 14 (CD,F,C) P Hobbe 8-71-10

13-8 Gay Edition, 2-1 Boardmans Style, 7-2 Taleston

8.30 WIDCOMBE NOVICES HANDICAP HURDLE

1 SE23 SPORTING COOL 4 C Poprism 5-11-10 M Jomes Sp. P. MARICAMA 851 (8) M Pipe 7-11-6 M Jomes Sp. P. MARICAMA 851 (8) M Pipe 7-11-6 M Jomes Sp. School School Sp. M. Marica School Sp. M. Marica School Sp. M. Marica School Sp. M. Marica Mari 7-4 Bonnie Boy, 5-2 Sporting Idol, 4-1 Marksans, 8-1 Marksans, 8-1 Marksans, 16-1 Projection

Course specialists TRANSPS: J Bennett, 3 winners from 12 numers, 25.6%; M Pips, 52 from 208, 25.0%; C Pophem, 13 from 98, 13.5%; P Hobbs, 9 from 70, 12.9%; B Forsey, 8 from 65, 12.3%; R Hodges, 19 from 174, 10.5%. JOCICE'S: M. Jones, 4 winners from 13 ridge, \$0.8%; N. Coteman, 13 from 79, 16.5%; B. Powell, 26 from 206, 12.6%; N. McFerland, 4 from 32, 12.5%; B. Wright, 3 from 26, 11.5%; Peter Hobbs, 8 from 79, 10.1%.

Nabeel Dancer second

NABEEL Dancer showed signs of recapturing his best form of last season when second to Ron's Victory in the Prix de Saint-Georges (5f) at Long-champ yesterday (Our French Racing Correspondent writes).

Machiavellian, in the process. The winner, who is trained by Alain Falourd, is to be airmed at the King's Stand Stakes and the July Cup while Nabeel Dancer's more immediate target is the Temple Stakes.

Ridden by Pat Eddery, the Alex Scott-trained five year-old disputed the lead for much of Stakes at York are: Berry's

the way with Heart Noble but Dream, Free At Last, In The had no answer to the strong-Groove, Ivrea, Knight's Barfinishing Ron's Victory (Tony oness, Miss Wassi, My Co-Cruz), who paid a compliment quette, Oriental Mystique, to his Prix Djebel conqueror, Rafha, Sardegna, Tell No Les-



carned, his victory at Catterick without blinkers, it might well last month was most reassurbe a different story but I much be a different story but I much

Barry Hills: Norwich can continue his good week

Selections

Michael Seely's selection: 3.30 Norwich,

Guide to our in-line racecard

Pacecard number. Draw in brackets. Sta-figure form (F - tell. P - putled up. U - unsented rider. B - brought down. S - slipped up. R - retused. Going on which horse has won D - disqueffied). Horse's name, Deys since less S - soft, good to firm, hard. G - good. S - soft, good to soft, heavy). Owner in outing; J II jumps, F II tist. B - binisers. S - soft, good to soft, heavy). Owner in outing; J II jumps, F II tist. B - binisers. Trainer. Age and weight. Rider plus any allowance. The Times Private winner. D - distance winner. CD - course and

108 (12) 0-9432 GOOD TIMES 74 (CD,MF,F,C,S) (Mrs D Robinson) S Hall 9-10-0 ...

2.0 R R RICHARDSON MAIDEN STAKES (2-Y-O: 22,299: 51) (9 runners)

PETER PRIMER (IWS 3 Thromson Jones) T Thomson Jone
TRUE FLAIR (J Devid Abel) P Felgate 9-0.

9 YOUNG WINSTLER! 3 (Covelier Recing) P Mitchell 9-0.

8EAU DADA (J Clerke) S Herris 9-9.

KINLET VISION (Wyre Foresters) J Derry 8-9.

BETTING: 13-8 Golden Reverie, 8-4 Stove Rece, 4-1 Kinlet Vision, 7-1 Dandy Kim, 10-1 Young Whiteler, 12-1 others. 1988 THE WISH SHEWH 9-0 J Aud (5-2) M McCornect 7 ran

FORM FOCUS DANDY KIRL showed early speed when 12! 12! 13 to Running Gliespee at Window (SI, good to firm). 25. First foat, dam a middle-distance winner in US. 14 to Running Gliespee at Window (SI, good to firm). 25. 100 to firm winners in US, tracking the useful Frontier to four winners in US, tracking the useful Frontier YOUNG WHESTLER was slowly every and soon outpaced when 1118th of 11 to Law Leader at Sandown (SI, good to firm). GOLDEN REVERSE (Foated Feb. 15. No selection.

2.30 KING & COMPANY SELLING HANDICAP (22,721: 1m 2f) (16 runners)

BETTRICE 7-2 Combined Exercise, 9-2 Long Say, The Oil Beron, 6-1 Dr Zave, 6-1 Scots Law, Bronze Rummer, 10-1 Glebelands Grit, 12-1 others.

FORM FOCUS COMBINED EXER-COSE, one-paced 20 22 pd, good to firm), with ALLAZZAZ (14th worse off)
4th of 20 to Ready Wit in a Windsor claimer (1m 2) 61 7th. ROYAL HUNT ran well from out of the transi-

4th of 20 to Fleady Wit in a Windoor claimer (1m 2! 22yd, good to firm). DR ZEVA races off 5th higher the property of the third claim to best Albert's Way Out 2! at Brighton (1m 2! 5tm), with SPITFRE JULIUS BAY tood a stiff task at the weights when 10 the SPITFRE JULIUS STATE (1m, good to firm) are helpfook (ast time. Races off 20 to Suprame Denors at Pontewat (1m, good to firm) are Haydock test time. Races off 1m 60yd, firm) are Haydock test time. Races off 1m 60yd, firm) are Haydock test time. Races off 1m 60yd, firm) are Haydock test time. Races off 1m 60yd, firm) are Haydock test time. Races off 1m 60yd, firm) are Haydock test time. Races off 1m 60yd, firm) are Haydock test time. Races off 1m 60yd, firm) are Haydock test time. Races off 1m 60yd, firm) are Haydock test time. Races off 1m 60yd, firm) are Haydock test time. Races off 1m 60yd, firm) are Haydock test time. Races off 1m 60yd, firm) are Haydock test time. Races off 1m 60yd, firm) are Haydock test time. Races off 1m 60yd, firm) are Haydock test time. Races off 1m 60yd, firm) are Haydock test time. Races off 1m 60yd, firm) are Haydock test time. Races off 1m 60yd, firm) are Haydock test time. Races off 1m 60yd, firm) are Haydock test time. Races off 1m 60yd, firm) are Haydock test time. Races off 1m 60yd, firm) are Haydock test time. Races off 1m 60yd, firm) are Haydock test time. Races off 1m 60yd, firm) are Haydock test time. Races off 1m 60yd, firm) are Haydock test time. Races off 1m 60yd, firm) are Haydock test time. Races off 1m 60yd, firm) are Haydock test time. Races off 1m 60yd, firm) are Haydock test time. Races off 1m 60yd, firm) are Haydock test time. Races off 1m 60yd, firm) are Haydock test time. Races off 1m 60yd, firm) are Haydock test time. Races off 1m 60yd, firm) are Haydock test time. Races off 1m 60yd, firm) are Haydock test time. Races off 1m 60yd, firm) are Haydock test time. Races off 1m 60yd, firm) are Haydock test time. Races off 1m 60yd, firm) are Haydock test time.

FORM FOCUS DURE OF PADUCAH, started slowly to best Atolf a short head at New-terhed well to be %1 2nd of 9 to Lord Of The Field at Newmarket (7n, good). REDESPONT all-out to best Adol-lethed well to be %1 2nd of 9 to Lord Of The Field at 1 kg %1 at Haydook (1m 40yd, good to soft).

Course specialists

Per cent 28.2 S Cauthen 23.3 L Deport 23.1 S Grigormen 18.5 W Carson 18.2 N W Carson 17.4 M Roberts

STATE OF THE STATE

By Mandarin

2.15 Katie Valentine. 2.45 Authorship.

3.15 Kolinsky. 3.45 Song Of Kings. 4.15 Briery Fille.

4.45 Rancho Mirage.

2.15 LUND SELLING STAKES (2-Y-O: £2,784: 5f) (16 runners)

2.45 SETTRINGTON HANDICAP (£2,280: 2m 40yd) (8 runners)

Going: firm (watered)

Selections

Michael Seely's selection: 3.15 TAYLOR'S REALM (nan).

The Times Private Handicapper's top rating: 4.45 RANCHO MIRAGE.

MINIZEN MUSIC (Minizen Ltd) M Brittein 8-11

By MR MAD 27 (S Hoft) C Trinter 6-11

SIDADOLE 13 (N Strange) J Weltwintight 8-11

Dean Mic 30

DUTCH DESIRE 42 (C Buckton) M W Easterby 8-6

J Fort

H KATE VALENTINE 13 (R Oxley) Dr J Sangtil 8-6

ROGANY (Mrs J Hott) M W Easterby 8-6

SEVERALS PRINCESS 13 (M Southin) M Naughton 8-6

SINGING MISS (K Wellemson) J Berry 8-9

SWEETINGS PEARL 13 (Sweetings (City) Ltd) M H Easterby 8-6

N Con THEPRINCESSOFEPED (M M Recing Ltd) C Thomton 8-6

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BETTING: 4-1 Pod's Daughter, 5-1 Singing Miss, Sweetings Pearl, 5-1 Golden Suntes, Mr Mad. 8-1 Kalle Valentins, 10-1 What A Show Off, 16-1 others.

1989: BID ONLY 8-1 A Secon (9-2 ja-fav) J Berry 17 ran

BETTING: 6-4 Authorship, 3-1 Rustino, 5-7 Mr Taylor, 8-1 Segant Monarch, 10-1 Surest Dencar, 14-1 Baylord Energy, 16-1 Others.

1989: DALBY DANCER 5-8-13 D McKeown (3-1) B McMehon 8 ren

14 POD'S DAUGHTER 42 (D.F) (Mrs. H Rowbottom) C Tinkler 9-1 0 DALY SPORT BOY 24 (Roidwis Limited) J Serry 5-11 9 FROMO2 11 (J Coven) A Polis 8-11 9 GOLDEN SURFESSE 13 (M Goste) P Stockley 8-11

EN MUSIC (Minizen Ltd) M Brittzin 8-11 ...

3.0 KEN BUTLER WINES STAKES (3-Y-O: \$3,384: 1m 3f 106yd) (2 runners)

1909: FUSION 5-9-10 B Rouse (5-2 tay) R Earneltow 15 ran

As far as Norwich is con-

ENGFIELD PARK

By Our Newmarket

2.00 ---2.30 Scots Law.

4.30 Sally's Son.

Draw: high numbers best up to 7f 140yd

B Reymond
O R Cockeane
O S Whiteenth

Correspondent

3.00 Ridgepoint, 3.30 Shannon Flood.

Over a shorter trip and

are evidence of that.

3.30 SEEBOARD GRADUATION STAKES (£3,356: 7f) (16 runners) L30 SEEBOARD GRADUATION STAKES (E3,356: 7I) (16 runners)
481 (5) 513089 DATURA 181 (F) M Robinson Ltd) A Chembertein 4-9-5 M House
482 (7) 49 POREST (PNRM I I) (Bevern Second Perharship) Mrs S Olever 5-9-6 L December 183 (1) 38284 CORDALERO 18 (K Higgen) A Moore 40-3 B Rossee
484 (3) 513089 DATURA (B McGray) J Toller 49-3 M Cardele
485 (10) 519- WHITCOMRE WARRIOR 950 J Hong R Alcaburst 4-9-3 B Whitworth 485 (10) 21340-2 COURTERY TITLE 21 (0,F) (General Valley Ltd) P Cole 3-8-12 T Cubbs 6-93 (10) 6-9- 93 (10) 6-9- 93 (10) 6-9- 93 (10) 6-9- 93 (10) 6-9- 93 (10) 6-9- 93 (10) 6-9- 93 (10) 6-9- 93 (10) 6-9- 93 (10) 6-9- 93 (10) 6-9- 93 (10) 6-9- 93 (10) 6-9- 93 (10) 6-9- 93 (10) 6-9- 93 (10) 6-9- 93 (10) 6-9- 93 (10) 6-9- 93 (10) 6-9- 93 (10) 6-9- 93 (10) 6-9- 93 (10) 6-9- 93 (10) 6-9- 93 (10) 6-9- 93 (10) 6-9- 93 (10) 6-9- 93 (10) 6-9- 93 (10) 6-9- 93 (10) 6-9- 93 (10) 6-9- 93 (10) 6-9- 93 (10) 6-9- 93 (10) 6-9- 93 (10) 6-9- 93 (10) 6-9- 93 (10) 6-9- 93 (10) 6-9- 93 (10) 6-9- 93 (10) 6-9- 93 (10) 6-9- 93 (10) 6-9- 93 (10) 6-9- 93 (10) 6-9- 93 (10) 6-9- 93 (10) 6-9- 93 (10) 6-9- 93 (10) 6-9- 93 (10) 6-9- 93 (10) 6-9- 93 (10) 6-9- 93 (10) 6-9- 93 (10) 6-9- 93 (10) 6-9- 93 (10) 6-9- 93 (10) 6-9- 93 (10) 6-9- 93 (10) 6-9- 93 (10) 6-9- 93 (10) 6-9- 93 (10) 6-9- 93 (10) 6-9- 93 (10) 6-9- 93 (10) 6-9- 93 (10) 6-9- 93 (10) 6-9- 93 (10) 6-9- 93 (10) 6-9- 93 (10) 6-9- 93 (10) 6-9- 93 (10) 6-9- 93 (10) 6-9- 93 (10) 6-9- 93 (10) 6-9- 93 (10) 6-9- 93 (10) 6-9- 93 (10) 6-9- 93 (10) 6-9- 93 (10) 6-9- 93 (10) 6-9- 93 (10) 6-9- 93 (10) 6-9- 93 (10) 6-9- 93 (10) 6-9- 93 (10) 6-9- 93 (10) 6-9- 93 (10) 6-9- 93 (10) 6-9- 93 (10) 6-9- 93 (10) 6-9- 93 (10) 6-9- 93 (10) 6-9- 93 (10) 6-9- 93 (10) 6-9- 93 (10) 6-9- 93 (10) 6-9- 93 (10) 6-9- 93 (10) 6-9- 93 (10) 6-9- 93 (10) 6-9- 93 (10) 6-9- 93 (10) 6-9- 93 (10) 6-9- 93 (10) 6-9- 93 (10) 6-9- 93 (10) 6-9- 93 (10) 6-9- 93 (10) 6-9- 93 (10) 6-9- 93 (10) 6-9- 93 (10) 6-9- 93 (10) 6-9- 93 (10) 6-9- 93 (10) 6-9- 93 (10) 6-9- 93 (10) 6-9- 93 (10) 6-9- 93 (10) 6-9- 93 (10) 6-9- 93 (10) 6-9- 93 (10

1988: RADI BURST 3-9-5 R Cochrane (100-30) L Cummi 13 ran

FORM FOCUS POREST Invaline in two hurdle races and 6%1 4th of 12 to Heine D'Beaute at Pontainzo (1m, firm).

CORDILLERO, Irish Import, 41 2nd to Flustaned at Conmel (1m 44, good to firm) on parallements start seasons. Last time out, 187 7th of 16 to Peace (1m, firm).

COUNTEST TITLE showed improved form when 42 2nd of 14 to Alkajarah in a herdicip at Newbury (1m, 22 2nd of 14 to Alkajarah in a herdicip at Newbury (1m, 2004). NAREMSS best Lock Fruin 15th in a typically competitive maiden at Newmarket (7f, good to firm) in August, but subsequently desipointed when

4.0 IAN MCCALL INTERNATIONAL HANDICAP (52,700: 7f 140yd) (19 numers)

Long headicep: Edgewise 7-3. BETTING: 5-2 Crosby, 7-2 No Querter Given, 5-1 Annebelle Royele, 13-2 Ballstort, 8-1 Ameri 1 Vickenda, 12-1 Propers, 14-1 others. 1989: STORM RUNKER 4-9-2 R Cochrere (8-1) J Hudson 20 ran

FORM FOCUS 30 3rd of 16 to Serby
Connection at Redear (7, firm) last time out, with 180 better off) 1%1 eth. Earlier 8 6th to Frequent
Place San better off) 2M 5th. Earlier 11 6th of
18 to See Devil at Humilton (61, heavy), with MOSST
NOSE 14th.

AMETHYSTIME neck and to Se-Aq in a 18-runner
amuseux noters handicap at Laicester (1m, good to
5m), with AL-TORFANAN (50 better off) 10%1 6th.

Bastler 17/KE 31 2nd to Broose Cross at Lingland
Lest time, 3 5th of 17 to Grando at Selection: RUNCEBLE CAT XI 3rd of 24 to Briory File et War
RUNCEBLE CAT XI 3rd of 24 to Briory File et War-

4.30 ALL THAT JAZZ HANDICAP (£3,870: 6f) (15 runners)

BETTING: 11-4 Coo-En-Coo, 7-2 Like Amber, 5-1 Frimley Partison, 6-1 Jokist, 8-1 Period Cha 10-1 Southrop, 12-1 Bluebird Lady, 16-1 others. 1989: SYLVAN MESTRAL 3-0-7 & Cauthon (5-1) P Milichell B ran

FORM FOCUS JOINT best Sporting (6), firm) that time out, with AMBER MECTOR 14th. MURHURING best Joviel Keps Star Lingfield (6), AW, bester off) 6'41 8th.
FRIMLEY PARKSON best Misseon Kamp 14 at Espan (7), good on perultimente start, with MURHURING (5b) better off) 2'41 7th. Last sesson, short haad 2nd of 2' to Respectable Jones at Newbury (6), soft), with CEE-BH-CEE 11th. CEE-BH-CEE 2'41 3rd of 19 to Lessenonestabouth at Salisbury (8).

Selection: FRIMLEY PARKSON

Pictors Per cent 169 28.4 37 27.0 47 19.1 200 15.0 61 14.5 36 14.8

G Hind (7) ... K Paligo

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2.15 Katie Valentine

3.15 Taylor's Realm.

3.45 Song Of Kings. 4.15 Eladham.

Draw: 5f, high numbers best

is costing jockeys money because it starting time would benefit the public by prevents them riding at two meetings," giving them more chance to go racing Birch said. "And I'm sure it will hit without missing work.

• Cartisle's decision to start racing at attendances as it is neither an afternoon 3.45 today was yesterday criticized by leading northern jockey Mark Birch. "It for the Jockey Club, said that the new

3.15 RISBY HANDICAP (\$2,490: 1m 4f) (13 runners)

SETTING: 2-1 Taylor's Resim, 11-4 Tines Lad, 11-2 Juhran, 8-1 Quip, 9-1 Woodlands Cro-Dollar, Formation, 20-1 others. 1989: AMAZENG SELICS 4-7-8 J Fortune (20-1) A Robson 13 ran

3.45 EVERINGHAM MAIDEN GUARANTEED SWEEPSTAKES (\$2,060: 1m 100yd) (8

SETTING: 1-2 Song Of Kings, 9-2 Magic Express, 15-2 Wallington Lane, 8-1 Bracken Ray, 10-1 Kiloetty. 1985: BLINDER 3-6-5 C Ruther (16-1) H Candy 12 mm

BETTING: 5-2 Not Yet, 11-4 Briery Fills, 7-2 Electrom, 5-1 Honey Boy Simbs, 9-1 Sectric Rose, 20-1 Dominicus, Rudde Cess, 25-1 others.

1985: NO CORRESPONDING RACE 4.45 HOUGHTON MAIDEN GUARANTEED SWEEPSTAKES (£2,060: 5f) (12 runners)

SHOUGHTON MAIDEN GUARANTEED SWEEP'S IANES (22,U

(b) 00/250-0 LYWNG PROOF 15 (Mrs M Hilback) J Smith 8-9-10.

2 (4) 0-9 CITY LIBK PET 25 (R Thomas) D Wilson 4-9-5.

3 (5) 80304-5 DOMMUET 23 (Mrs R Heathorin) J Spearing 5-9-5.

3 (2) 9030-63 MY LLDY MINISTRIEL 3 (Dr S Foster) J Spearing 4-9-5.

4 (1) 64 PATTES GARZ 257 (Lady Mistribure) J Elberington 4-9-5.

4 (1) 8330-0 BRAVE MUSCATEER 14 (R Beoding) J Elberington 4-9-5.

5 (3) 4-9 GOODFELLOWS LOT 282 (Mrs V Hagn) W High 3-9-0.

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Precedents and pragmatism take sting out of complaints about cricket's latest example of limited-over farce Lancashire realistic in face of the law's dictates

By Alan Lee Cricket Correspondent

CRICKET'S law, in this case. may be an ass but it seems it is plain enough to legitimize Wednesday's farce at Old Trafford, in which a Benson and Hedges Cup tie brimming with batting records was subjected to official termination and banished from all future sues of Wisden.

Lancashire, having made the second highest Champlouship total in history on Monday, followed up with a record Benson and Hedges score of 352 for six against Hampshire. Neil Fairbrother, not satisifed with his 366 at

It all counted for precisely nothing. Rain intervened and

the umpires contentiously decreed that there was insufficient time to complete the match. They substituted an absurd 18-overs thrash, mercifully also a victim of the weather, but all figures relating to the original game do not now exist.

Officials at the Test and County Cricket Board were yesterday waiting to hear from the umpires, Don Oslear and Don Thompsett, before com-

his county's best score in the out that this competition, indeed one-day cricket in general, has produced simi-larly ridiculous anomalies before now. Peter Smith, the board's spokesman, said: "We have had games reduced to a third attempt. The difference here is that new records were set and those who set them naturally feel aggrieved. If Lancashire had been bowled

> Arguably, this misses the point that cricket is essentially game of statistics. Jack Bailey, who covered the Old Trafford match for The foolish that such records can-

would have been said."

out for 250, I doubt if anything

Edrich might have felt if, more notice of performances don't know if they are still having scored his 219 in the Timeless" Durban Test of 1938-39, he had been told that it must be expunged from the records as the game could not, after all, be played to a finish because of the imminent

Alan Ormrod, Lancashire's coach, is a realistic soul and yesterday be was prepared to accept that his team had no official grounds for complaint. But as he watched Yorkshire taking the brunt of Lancastrian frustrations at Headhe said: "It seems

departure of MCC's ship.

than statistics, but these guys had done a job of work, after

Ormrod was more con-

cerned about the apparently loose law regarding finishing time on a second or subsequent day. "I have read the rules several times and nowhere does it state that the original game must finish at 7pm, only that any substitute game must be worked back from there. This would have made a difference on Wednesday and I feel it needs

clarification.
"Hampshire also bowled

subject to a fine but again I brother has deservedly got the think the legislation of time publicity, Mike Atherton is wasting of all types must be not far behind. I hear England

The TCCB response was simple: "If Lancashire make some submissions over this incident, we will look at the relevant laws at the end of the

Piqued though he was by Wednesday's events, Ormrod knew it was far from being a disaster. The eventual result actually eliminated Hampshire, while making it almost certain that Lancashire will be

are thinking of using him as an opener, but I believe he should be given an opportunity in his natural position at No. 3. They will also need a lefthander in the middle order and no one is playing better than Fairbrother."

Both Lancashire's prime run-makers are very much in the frame for England's party of 13 for the Texaco Trophy one-day internationals against New Zealand, which is likely to be announced a week today.

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any stage, so that was no excuse. The more acceptable reason for The more acceptable reason for a not entirely unexpected defeat, given that Kelesi was a finalist here two years ago, was fatigue. Sánchez Vicario has played seven matches in the last 10 days and a prolonged bout of baselining against the tough Canadian was more than the No. 3 seed could cope with on a strength-sapping day. "I was a strength-sapping day. "I was a little tired and had a little bad

TENNIS

The long

rally

that broke

Sánchez

From Andrew Longmore

Tennis Correspondent

THERE was an embarrassment

of riches on show at the Italian

Open yesterday. Four of the top five players in the world were on the schedule alongside a fifth,

Jennifer Capriati, who, in terms

of media attention at least, is the

No. I player in the world. Unfortunately, all of them

wanted to play on the centre

court and none wanted to play at night, which created a severe headache for the organizers.

The main victim of the log jam numed out to be Arantza Sanchez Vicario, who is demoted to Campa A and compounded that indignity by losing to the pugnacious Helen Kelesi in straight sets.

The area around the court is too big. I would have preferred

too big. I would have preferred to play on the centre court.

Sanchez Vacario said. She will

Sanciez vacano saio. Sae win now return to Barcelona to gather her strength for the defence of her French Open title in just over two weeks' time.

court and none wanted to play

luck," she explained simply. None of that should detract from Kalesi's performance, which was as ever accompanied by a variety of gestures. Kalesi is one of the circuit's great dramatists. She strides round the court like a housewife heading for the last loaf of bread. At every lost point, the eyes search longingly for a scapegoat. If none is found, she mutters to herself.
By the time Sauchez Vicario

had made the last of many errors on the forehand, Kalesi had screeched, mouned and muttered volumes, quite apart from swearing at a line judge for his immobility rather than his

line calling.
If Sanchez Vicario could have summoned up even half of her might have survived. Instead she seemed strangely subdued from the start and the aimless-ness of much of her play hinted at mental as well as physical tiredness. Too often she played shots simply because she did not know what else to do and even the drop shot, the hallmark of her game, went missing in the hour of need.

hour of need.

Kalesi, ranked 24 and seesed 11, took the first set 6-4, but faltered in the second, dropping her serve in the fifth game, and only levelled the set after a rally of 67 shots, which finally broke the obstinacy of the French Open champion. "I think that was the biggest point", the Canadian, who, won the next two games to record one of the best wins of her career, said. Seles, who beat Mercedes Paz in the opening match on the centre court, was back in the showers before Kalesi and Sánchez Vicario had concluded their first set. But Capriati, who is half-Italian, faced one of the tougher assignments of her brief career against Laura Golarsa, who is wholly so. Capriati won but only after losing the second set in a tie-break. So, despite the defeats of Reggi by Manuela Maleeva and Ceochini by the top seed, Navratikova, the Italians will at least have half an

TITIBLES.
THIRD round: M Maleova (Bul) bt R Reggi (ft), 6-3, 6-3; M Sales (ftug) bt M Paz (Arg), 6-1, 6-1; H Kelesi (Car) bt A Sanchez Vicario (Sp), 6-4, 7-5; J Carinti (US) bt L Golaria (R), 6-3, 6-7, 6-2; C Lindqvist (Swe) bt A Vieira (Br), 6-4, 6-2. M Navratilova (US) bt S Cecchini (ft) 6-4, 3-6, 6-3; G Sebatini (Arg) bt R Rajchrova (Cz) 6-0, 6-1

An improving Leconte is in quarter-finals

HAMBURG (AFP) - Henri man, beat Aaron Krickstein, the third seed, of the United States, in straight sets, 6-4, 6-4, here yesterday to reach the quarter-finals of the men's singles event at the German Open tournament.

Leconte, a favourite for many years on West German courts, has been making an impressive comeback and his performance here belied his present ranking

Lars Jonsson, of Sweden, who replaced Andrej Chesnokov at the last minute when the Soviet player failed to appear, took only three games against Jimmy Arias, of the United States, who

won 6-1, 6-2. Boris Becker, the top seed. made light work of beating Andrei Cherkasov.

Andrei Cherkasov,
RESULTS: Taidr count: H Lacoms (Pr) bt
A Krickstein (US), 8-4, 6-4; J Aries (US) bt
L Jonsson (SWe), 8-1, 6-2; B Bedeier (WG)
bt A Cherkasov (USSR), 6-2, 6-3; G Forget
(Pr) bt E Sanchez (Sp), 7-8, 6-4; J Berger
(US), bt R Azer (Arry), 3-6, 6-2, 6-8; F Davie
(Arg) bt L Matter (Br), 6-0, 6-2.

Cambridge girl make progress

VIRGINIA Humphreys-Davies, of Cambridge, continued her triumphant progress in the women's singles of the Hi-Tecspring satellite tournament at

Swansea yesterday.

She easily qualified for the semi-finals and, for the third match in succession, did so without conceding a set. Humphreys-Davies, aged 18. is the last remaining British

Brittle Yorkshire extend losing run

won toss): Lancashire (2pts) beat Yorkshire by five wickets. LANCASHIRE guaranteed a home tie in the quarter-finals of the Benson and Hedges Cup with a comprehensive victory over their oldest rivals, reaching a modest target of 142 with 18.5 of their 55 overs in hand. Yorkshire, having lost six of their opening seven fixtures, are unlikely to qualify for the knockout stages, unless their brittle batting should suddenly come good against

Surrey tomorrow. They will certainly have more confidence about the quality of the pitch at the Oval than at Headingley, where the match was played on the track used for the previous day's fixture against the Combined Universities, apparently because there is a shortage of

strips on the square. With only 28 days' play on the ground, including two Texaco Trophy games and one second XI match, that would seem an unsatisfactory state of affairs. Steve Oldham, the Yorkshire cricket manager, said: "The last thing we wanted with our batting in its present state was to play on a pitch which gave generous istance to seamers

Yorkshire were in danger of making their lowest score in this competition at 88 for nine, only for Jarvis to make his best total in one-day cricket with a partnership worth 53 in nine overs. Twice he struck Patterson for six, one a pick-up, the other a pull, and he flat-batted five fours to allow his side to at least make

a game of it. Austin's modest little seamers, the most effective weapon the Lancashire pace armoury, bowled Blakey, who was back when he should have been forward. That illustrates the unsatisfactory quality of the pitch and only Metcalfe, deposed from his opener's position, and Kellett, who replaced him, had any air of permanence

Lancashire, drunk with runs, looked a very different proposition and although the ball still moved around, Mendis and Fowler played

Hedges Cup quarter-finals what-ever they do in this match, they

batted yesterday as if intent on

Not the least reason for Kent,

who can still qualify for the quarter-finals, wanting to finish

this match in good time is the memorial service for Leslie

Ames, which is to be held this afternoon in Canterbury Cathe-

dral. The Archbishop is in-

volved, although not officiating.

and Colin Cowdrey is giving an

In particular, Ames would ave appreciated yesterday a

Both those matches were

driven with near abandon. After

24 overs the openers had made

103 and Cowdrey was well into his stock of change bowlers.

As he has the knack of doing,

salvaging some pride. That and

Gloucestershire's innings.

extravagantly in a first-wicke partnership of 49 in 18 overs before the former was run out amid continuing negotiations

with his partner.
Such is the depth of the
Lancashire order that Watkinson was able to play some wonderful drives, three to the straight and extra cover boundaries in succession off

DeFreitas was comprehensively yorked by Jarvis, but Yorkshire's best bowler was the improving Fletcher, who maintained a good line and moved the ball around outside

But confidence in batsmen is so important and where Lancashire had it in abundance. Yorkshireshire were like men who do not know where the next runs are coming from. They can at least take heart that the fielding was much improved on the previous day's wretched performance, but there will be little consolation in that.

run out V Jarvis b Patterson Hartiey c Fowler b Wa Fletcher not out Extras (t) 5, w 3)

FALL OF WICKETS: 1-22, 2-31, 3-35, 4-35, 5-49, 8-68, 7-77, 8-80, 9-80. SOWLING: Alloit 11-2-22-1; Petterson 10.1-4-33-1; Austin 11-6-14-1; DeFreitse 10-1-36-3; Waticinson 11-1-31-3. LANCASHIRE

Edras (b 1. b 5. w 6. nb 3) .

FALL OF WICKETS: 1-49, 2-58, 3-86, 4-Umpires: B J Meyer and R A Whits

Milk Race change COLIN Sturgess, world pursuit cycling champion, from Leicester, and his Tulip Computers team, have been called into the Milk Race after the withdrawal of the Isoglas squad, from Belgium. The round-Britain race begins in Penzance and ends in Liverpool

Gloucestershire battle

to salvage their pride

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On the run: Hick, of Worcestershire, survives a leg-before appeal from Munton at Edghaston yesterday

Hick's spell ends run-chase

and had him leg-before. Din,

trying to pull, was caught by

the wicketkeeper on the leg

side off a glove. Hick next had

Humpage stumped after beat-

from the last 20 overs but their

hopes slumped when Reeve

was caught behind and

Kallicharran mistimed a hit to

mid-wicket. Only Smith and

Benjamin delayed the end

with an aggressive ninth-

In the morning there was

some initial help in the pitch

for the seam bowlers and

Worcestershire owed a lot to

Curtis and Weston for the

solid base they laid. Small and

Benjamin swung the ball under the clouds, though the

lesser lights in the attack

found it hard later to maintain

before they increased the run-

rate. Curtis looked in prime

order, though at 23 he had an

escape against Reeve when

Din was unable to hold a

difficult chance at deep point.

Reeve bowled Weston at 78.

proper line. Curtis and

eston made a cautious start

wicket stand.

Warwickshire needed 122

ing him through the air.

EDGBASTON (Worcesterbatted confidently in a secshire won toss): Worcestershire ond-wicket stand. Moody off-drove Hick for (2pts) beat Warwickshire by 32 one enormous six before Hick turned a ball more than most

GRAEME Hick, as a bowler, turned this Benson and Hedges Cup group A match decisively when he took three important wickets in 24 balls after Warwickshire were set 256 to win. Worcestershire, who were without Botham, have now completed their zonal matches in a group which looks likely to be settled tomorrow by run-rate.

Botham was not fit after a keyhole operation on his left knee 10 days ago and neither is he expected to play against the New Zealanders this weekend. Worcestershire's next match after that is against Essex on May 19. It means Botham has no chance of forcing his way into the England party for the one-day Texaco Trophy internationals.

Hick, who also scored 64, was given the gold award. His tidy off-spin brought him the wickets of Moody, Asif Din and Humpage at a time when Warwickshire had made a promising start to their runchase. Moody, the Australian, in particular had looked threatening as he and Din

128 in 23 overs to ensure a large total. Curtis twice lifted Munton and Moody for leg-side sixes and he had also hit nine fours when he skied a high catch to mid-wicket three runs short of a century. Soon afterwards Hick was caught at deep mid-off as he drove against Small. Radford, who was promoted to No. 4, prospered in the closing assault.

A Neele not out Lampitt not out Extras (b 13, w 5) ... Total (5 wids, 55 overs) .

R K fillegocath, P J Newport, G R Dilley and †S R Bevins did not bet. FALL OF WICKETS: 1-78, 2-205, 3-217, 4-, 296, 5-205 BOWLING: Small 11-1-36-2; Benjamin 11-4-40-1; Moody 5-0-29-0; Muriton 11-0-35-0; Reeve 11-1-70-1; Smith 5-0-20-0; Twose 1-0-12-0.

Twose c Weston b Redford K Smith not out Small c Redford b Illingworth ... Senjamin run out Total (51.5 overs) ..

FALL OF WICKETS: 1-16, 2-67, 3-109, 4-120, 5-130, 8-151, 7-160, 8-179, 9-219, BOWLING: Diley 8-5-0-36-1; Radiord 9-1-1-3; Newport 3-0-27-0; Bingworth 9-0-42-1; Hick 11-0-36-3; Lampitz 11-0-35-1. Gold Award: G A Hick. kres: O O Osieer and D S Thompsett.

before Curtis and Hick added YESTERDAY'S OTHER SCOREBOARDS Minor Cos v Derbys

SCOTLAND

L Philip low b Ambrose . G Greenidge low o Capa M W Patterson b Govan R G Swen c Ripley b Ambri C Storie c Lurkins b Robin B Russell b Robinson R Brown b Capel W Bee b Ambrose Total (8 wkts, 55 overs) .

C L Partits did not but FALL OF WICKETS: 1-54, 2-81, 3-168, 4-195, 5-195, 6-213, 7-213, 8-221.

A Fortram four Mor A Fortram for More A Fortram for More A Fortram F J Belley b Cowan D J Capel b Brown D J Wild c Partist b Brown D J Wild c Partist b Brown J G Thomas c Patterson b Cowan D G Thomas c Patterson b Cowan D J W Govern run out Total (9 wids, 56 overs) ... FALL OF WICKETS: 1-11, 2-55, 3-57, 4-76, 5-105, 6-137, 7-159, 8-212, 9-226.

BENSON AND HEDGES TABLES

Essex v Leics

J Mack & Base CHELMSFORD (Essex won toss); Leicestershire have scored 153 nine LECESTERSAME

Total (9 wide, 55 overs) ______ 218 FALL OF WICKETS: 1-9, 2-15, 3-42, 4-74, 5-131, 6-134, 7-165, 8-192, 9-207. BOWLING: Taylor 10-0-52-3; Mack 10-1-49-2; Green 8-1-26-0; Thomas 11-3-24-1; Greensword 11-0-38-2; Plumb 5-0-23-0. MINOR COUNTRES M J Roberts low b Goldsmith . Sharp b G S G Plumb ¢ Kulper & Malc †A R Pothergill b Base D R Thomas b Warner

N R Taylor b Warner R G Green not out

"K J Barnett b Taylor"
†P D Bowler c Folkend b Thomas
JE Morris Dive b Mack
A Kulper c Fothergill b Taylor
C J Adams c Fothergill b Greensword
B Roberts c Pumb b Greensword
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ras (ib 18, w 7, nb 5) Cold Award: S Goldsmitt

ESSEX: "G A Gooch, B R Hardie, J F

A two-run triumph for Scots

SCOTLAND won only their second match in the Benson and Hedges Cup competition when they beat Northamptonshire by two runs in a thrilling finish at Northampton vesterday.

Wayne Larkins, who has soored only a single in three championship innings this season, did his best to foil the Scots, playing almost a lone hand in the chase after 232. He had scored 111 of the 159 on the board when he was seventh out.
Although Greg Thomas and Jim Govan, a former member of the Scotland team, then added 53 in eight overs the Scots kept their nerve and Curtly Ambrose, who needed to hit the last ball from Andy Bee for six, managed

only a two. Scotland were steered to their est score in the competition by Ian Philip, the Stenhousem opening batsman, who began by matching Greenidge stroke for stroke in an opening partnership of 54, and went on to hit two sixes and seven fours in an

innings of 95 made from 159 The visiting batsmen were particularly severe on Govan who was hit for four sixes, while Greg Thomas was also severely handled as Philip and Richard vicket in 19 overs.

Minor Counties, who have given an excellent account of themselves in group B, had the scent of victory for quite a bit of the day at Wellington, where Derbyshire lost their first three wickets for 42, recovered through Adams and Roberts WELLINGTON (Minor Counties won toss): Derbyshire beat Minor Counties by 43 only to be checked again when the vastly experienced Steve Greensword took three wickets unbeaten 45 from 38 balls then supervised a late dash for runs which brought 83 from the last 10 overs. But Derbyshire were hardly comfortable with a score 218 for nine as Minor Counties reached tea at 67 for one

Immediately after the interval, however, Goldsmith claimed Malcolm Roberts as one of two wickets in an over and Minor Counties were bowled out for 175,

Essex, who have already qualified and Leicestershire both of whose previous games had ended in defeat, were not able to start until after tea at Chelmsford where the teams failed to achieve a finish in a high-scoring championship match earlier this month.

Two carry wickets for Neil Foster got Leicestershire off on the wrong foot but a more serious blow to their chances of eventual victory came when Chris Lewis, who has been in such brilliant all-round form was run out for 28. Potter (38) and Whitticase (28) had carried the score to 153

four from 41 overs by the

player in either of the events. PESULTS: Man's singles: Guarter-finels:
M Damm (C2) bt M Syringes (Arg), 5-0, 6-2;
V Roublook (C2) bt O Founts (Austria), 53-1; J Naswie (MG) bt R Gibert (Fr), 7-6.
6-4; J LeClercq (Fr) bt G Schesp (Ne3), 76, 8-4. Women's singles: Coenter-desire
V Humphreys-Davies (GB) bt N Housest
(Fr), 8-2, 6-3; K Sherpe (Aus) bt Y Kanilo,
Lispam, 8-2, 6-1; K Habsudovs (C2) bt Moreno (HIQ, 3-8, 6-4, 6-4; R Bobkovs
(C2) bt J Kruger (SA), 6-3, 3-6, 6-3.

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Middlesex hampered by run-outs HEADINGLEY (Yorkshire

By Marcus Williams

LORD'S (Somerset won toss): Middlesex have scored 183 for six wickets off 48 overs against Somerset

TIGHT seam bowling by Somerset and two unnecessary run-outs late on a shortened day kept the Middlesex innings in check. Gatting scored 66, his best of the season, but Middle-sex will need a hefty contribu-tion from their lower order today to set a challenging target.

This is a key match in a tight Group B. Victory for Middlesex will ensure their qualification for the quarter-finals, but if Somerset win, they will still have to await the outcome of the Play did not start until quarter

to four because of unseasonal rain and a little early life in the pitch called for a watchful start. Haynes took longer than Roseberry to find his touch, but they kept the score moving. Haynes had won the Gold Award in all his three previous Benson and Hedges games and

when he worked successive balls from Mailender to the boundaries, taking Middlesex past 50 in the thirteenth over, the pect of another began to look possible. Somerset were relieved when he was trapped, half forward, by the next ball. Mallender, though troubled by a groin injury, kept things tight in company with the Dutchman, Lefebvre, and despite two reverse sweeps for four by Gatting in the only over of spin from Swallow Middlesex struggled to score freely. With

the second ball after tea, taken at

94 for one, Mallender clipped

Roseberry's off bail. Gatting ran himself out with the total 160. Butcher was also run out, and when Brown was bowled by Hayhurst shortly afterwards, the Middlesex in-

Butcher run out
R Downton not out
Emburey not out
Exteres (5 4, 15 10, w 4)

Total (6 wices, 48 overs) ______ 183 F Williams, S P Hughes and N G wans to bet. FALL OF WICKETS: 1-58, 2-85, 9-115, 4-160, 5-175, 6-181. SOMERSET: S. J. Cook, P. M. Roebuck, "C.J. Taveré, R. J. Harden, † M. D. Burns, A. N. Heyhurst, G. D. Rose, R. P. Lefebvre, i G. Swellow, A. N. Jones, N. A. Mallander.

Limpines: J D Bond and J H He

Greatbatch b O'Relly ... Rutherford c Lamba b O'Relly ... Hadlee b McCrum 5 Smith c Patterson b Lamba V Priest not out .

Total (7 wids, 50 overs) _____ M C Snedden and D K Montson did CANTERBURY (Kem won toss): Gloucestershire have scored 180 for three wickets FALL OF WICKETS: 1-81, 2-72, 3-135, 4-139, 5-142, 8-173, 7-181. 180M-ING: McCrum 10-0-42-1; Lamba 10-1-40-1; Herrison 10-2-25-2; O'Relly 10-0-58-2; Thompson 10-0-35-1. ALTHOUGH Gloucestershire will not reach the Benson and

MF Cohen b Hadlee
R Lamba c Hadlee b Snedden
M AF Nutry low b Hadlee
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G D Harrison c Hadlee b Priett
D A Lewice Crowe b Rutherford
T J T Patterson b Rutherford
ME Thompson b Rutherford IRELAND

BOWLING: Hadiee 6-2-13-2: Morrison 6-1-20-0; Sneddon 5-2-4-1; Priest 10-1-39-1; Rutherford 10-1-38-3; Jones 8-1-27-0; Smith 2-0-8-1; Greetbatch 1-0-3-0. res: B Arlow and H Hender

Hadlee leads Ireland's second rout

BELFAST: New Zealanders catch at the wicket by Marsh, taken standing up to Chris-topher Cowdrey. Wright and beat Ireland by 40 runs. RICHARD Hadlee gave Ire-land's batsmen a torrid time in Belfast yesterday as the New Zealanders recorded their sec-Stovold had been threatening to put the match out of Kent's reach, emphasising that Gloucestershire are not playing as badly as two defeats in their ond victory over Ireland in two

previous two matches would Following their seven-wicket win at Downpatrick on Wedne day, the touring team reduced Ireland to 67 for four after 25 narrowly lost. Now, put in on a overs in reply to their total of pitch full of runs, Wright and toyold began with great vigour. Penn was taken out of the attack after conceding 31 in six overs and Merrick was flicked and

Hadlee ripped through the early batting, taking two quick wickets, and also had a hand in the other two to fall, catching Lamba, the Indian Test bats-man, off Snedden for five and picking up Harrison at first slip

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he made the initial break-through himself, dismissing Stovold With him, no one quite knows what is coming next. Thereafter, Wright fastened on to one or two more loose balls, seeing Cowdrey out of the attack and reaching a half century off 79 balls with eight fours. Wright looks, when making savaging some price. That and impressing Eddie Barlow, their new guru. Tony Wright was four runs short of his first century in this competition when play ended after 42.2 overs of

his runs at this rate, a better cricketer than his career figures would have us believe. He lost Bainbridge, nicely picked up low down by Fleming at mid-wicket off Ealham, and Athey, also taken by Marsh standing up, but was soon approaching his previous best score in this competition. That was 97 against Worcestershire at end of last month.

fact, Wright was on the point of passing it and reaching his century when, with Merrick recalled at the Nackington Road end, the umpires offered him the light. He resumes today, partnered by Curran, with Gloucestershire well placed for an assault on the last 12 overs weather permitting. Thus far Wright has struck 10 fours and faced 141 balls.

*A J Wright not out

A W Stovold c Marsh b Cowdray

P Bairbridge c Flaming b Bairbridge

C W J Athey c Marsh b Flaming

K M Gurran not out 75 (ib 10, w 1, nb 2) Total (3 wkts, 42.2 overs) .

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were concerned that it would

impinge on the London

United States attract up to 20,000 runners and 16,000 are

preparing to race in Norway this weekend. But the best Britain

could offer before yesterday's announcement was 3,000 in the Liverpool 10 kilometres, al-though Dublin has a 9,000-

strong event. Grete Waitz, Norway's first,

indeed the world's first, great woman distance runner, has

As football's World Cup looms, the Minister for Sport has been to Italy to oversee preparations

Moynihan confident Italy is ready

THE problem of countering hooliganism at international football tournaments can eem insuperable. However, Cohin Moynihan, the Minister for Sport, yesterday returned from his three-day visit to Italy confident that the Italians are more aware of the difficulties surrounding the World Cup this summer and that the authorities are prepared to take positive action to minimise any violence.

Moynihan was encouraged by the attitude vesterday in Genoa, a potentially combustible location where Scotland are based and through which thousands of supporters of England and some from The Netherlands are likely to travel on their way to Sar-dinia, where England and the

support from officials of the municipality, the port and the police that bars in the vicinity. of the ferries will be closed when supporters are

police from the outskirts of the city to the quayside, and trains will use track direct to the docks to limit possible confrontations between rival groups. Trains will be synchronized with the ferries to reduce the time travellers are forced to spend in the Genoa. The prefect to the region will ban any drink on the ferries within Italian territorial waters and, hopefully, the captains of the boats will recognise the inadvisability of selling drink for the brief periods outside Italian waters. Travellers will be barred from bringing drink with them onto

Tax problem delays plan for all-seater stadiums

prevented the Football League from immediately diverting money from transfer fees and television towards the refurbishment of League Sunderland, who could be in grounds, in accordance with the recommendations of the Taylor Report.

It was the intention of the League to introduce a 5 per cent levy on transfer fees and if the degree of self-interest is to withhold about £1.5m of not. the money received each year from ITV and put the total sum towards the cost of making every League ground £150,000 each and associate all-seater by the turn of the "Regretiably, we are not

able to put forward any definitive proposals because of taxation complications," League's assistant secretary, said yesterday. The League have been advised by their financial advisers that their

"We would want to maximize the impact of the money involved, and we are in discussion with the Inland Revenue," Williamson said.

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Instead, the monies which League by two clubs to 94. might have been made available for ground improvements squabbling at the annual general meeting on June 1. Chelsea and Crystal Palace believe £145,000 to the home club and £45,000 to the visitors, should be reduced with the balance cake is cut.

tract with ITV is worth about unanimous.

TAXATION difficulties have £12m a year, of which the first division receives 75 per cent, the second division 12.5 per cent and the third and fourth the first division next season if they triumph in the play-offs, want more for the second. third and fourth divisions. The plea is a familiar one even

full members (first and second division clubs) should receive members (third and fourth division clubs) £50,000 each with the balance of some £3m to be paid to those clubs whose games are televized. At the moment first division Andy Williamson, the clubs receive £200,000, second division clubs £57,000 and third and fourth division clubs

Ken Bates and Ron Noades, proposals would have meant the respective chairmen of them paying twice as much tax Cheisea and Palace, have also combined forces to stage a renewed attempt to expandthe first division from 20 clubs back to 22, leaving the second division with 24 and increasing the overall size of the

A proposal much more likely to succeed is that of the will again, predictably, be-management committee's to come the focus of much ban all artificial pitches, belonging to associate members as well as full, by 1995-96. As full members, Luton that the ITV facility fee, Town and Oldham Athletic, are already obliged to roll theirs up at the end of next season, but Preston North divided equally between the End, as an associate member, first division clubs while had hoped for a stay of Sunderland want a complete execution or at least until such change in how the television time as they became a full member. It would appear that The League's four-year con- the abhorrence of plastic is

camp in Florence. Italian hopes of success in the finals depend on the form of their best

Sampdoria, the Genoa club beaten in the final last season by

Barcelona, had the best of the chances against their Belgian opponents but it was not until

FOOTBALL

FOR THE RECORD

EVENING RACING

Italian hopes remain form after injury and would rest for a few days before rejoining the Italian World Cup training

GOTHENBURG (Reuter) -Gianluca Vialli's two goals in extra time here on Wednesday gave Sampdoria victory over Anderlecht in the final of the European Cup Winners' Cup and maintained Italian hopes of a clean sweep of European titles.
Juventus and Fiorentina are contesting the UEFA Cup final and AC Milan meet Benfica in the European Cup final in Vienna on May 24.

lighted Vialli said he was extra time that Vialli made them rapidly approaching his best count.

AMERICAN LEAGUE: Detroit Tigers 2 Millemains Brewers 1; Cedard Athletca 2, New York Yamkes 1; Toronto Blue Jeys 4, Calcago White Son 3; Cieveland Indiana 7, Alimensoth Tedra 3; Torons Rangers 9, Kampas City Royals 3; Boston Red Sox 4, Sessie Mariners 1; Battinger Orioles 9, California

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and 100 police on each ship because the Italian police are that have occurred in transit in the past. embarking.
Coaches will be escorted by

Yet the potential for vi-Olence remains. However hard the football authorities and governments have worked, however eager organizations like the Football Supporters' Association are prepared to work to present the acceptable face of the majority of England followers, there is still the problem of the minority. Moynihan accepted that "there are real risks; there is a very great danger of hooligan-ism if these measures are not

> The British Govern and police have emphasised to the Italians the difficulties of policing thousands of ticketless English supporters and the thousands of au-

who in the past have sometimes been drawn into the violence, usually against their will, or become a target for win, or become a target for rival groups of hooligans. In particular, relays of fresh, experienced policemen will be needed in Cagliara to cope with the probability of aggravation from supporters, almost 24 hours of day and

almost 24 hours a day and

certainly seven days a week in

the preliminary phase. When asked by The Times whether the Italian police realised the nature of the problem, Moynihan replied: "Yes, they have taken this on

The British officials and policemen will be helping the Italians throughout the World Cup, with at least a dozen officers acting as spotters for well-known troublemakers. "The Italians can have virtu-

Moynihan said, although the final numbers have yet to be settled.

Moynihan will himself be present for England's two opening games and possibly the match against Egypt to coordinate any assistance the British can give.

However, what remains an imponderable is to what extent the Sardinians will follow the example of the Genoese and institute a drink ban at crucial times, such as before and after the preliminary games, and also to what extent they carry out their threat to deport any troublemakers, even if these individuals have not been charged with

Technically, any foreigner who uses provocative behaviour or is sleeping rough can

ing the competition. We shall have to see how widely the Italians use these powers and whether it might also lead to abuse on rowdy, though not necessarily aggressive, supporters.

Moynihan is not necessarily optimistic after his two visits to Italy, which may be fol-lowed by a third trip before the competition begins if it is considered necessary to finalize details. However, he said: "I am more confident after this trip that the Italians are aware of the potential problem

and that they are prepared to take action. I am naturally concerned that incidents may take place. "However, the British can no more guarantee the behaviour of people who travel than receive a foglia di viaggio, of people in the pub tonight."

Hayward pledge to restore the greatness of Wolves

hampton hands and we feel the fature of the club is very bright," Hayward, aged 66, a multi-millionaire based in the Bahames, said. He was listed above Paul McCartney, one of Beatles, in a recent league table of the wealthiest British citizens.

"In the last decade the club has gone through bell with the Bharti brothers, liquidators and receivers. But we can look forward to a future full of golden glory," he said.

"The first priority is to get back in the first division. We want to win the League championship, and we want to win the FA Cup. We want to make Wolves the leading club in wonderful to have him back."

He vowed to strengthen the hand of Graham Turner, the Lyall set for Ipswich

Ham United manager, is set to take over at Ipswich Town

today in succession to John Duncan, who was dismissed this week (Dennis Signy writes). Lyall, aged 50, was the longest serving manager in the Football today in succession to John

League, with 15 years' service, when West Ham decided not to

renew his contract last June as

the side was relegated to the second division. Lyall, who spent 33 years at Upton Park, his one club, as player, coach

son, and Billy Wright, the former Wolverhampton and former Wolverhampton and England captain joining a restructed board under Jack

"This is a great day for me and my family," he added. "I have supported the club since the age of five and can remember crawling into the ground under the turnstiles to watch the team play.

Harris, the present chairman.

"I'm particularly thrilled that Billy Wright, our greatest player of all time, will be on hand to lend his expertise and know-ledge in the boardroom. It's wonderful to have him back."

nical adviser and he is a member of Bobby Robson's back-up team for the World Cup finals in

Lyall, whose home is in Essex, is considering an offer from Inswich believed to be in excess

of £75,000 a year. Although he has been content working with

Terry Venables at Tottenham. Lyali, looks like being tempted

CYCLING

to return to management.

Italy next month.

JOHN Lyall, the former West and manager, later joined Ham United manager, is set to Tottenham Hotspur as a tech-

SIR Jack Hayward pledged last night to help restore Wolverhampton Wanderers to their "Sir Jack, who was awarded the OBE in 1968 for the philanthropic work that earned him the nickname "Union Jack", will remain Wolverhampton's work that earned him the nickname "Union Jack", will remain Wolverhampton's "We couldn't sell him," Sir

Jack said. "The fans would run us out of town and lynch us in the town centre if we tried to come back. The money we would get for him co possibly compensate for the loss of support and revenue.

"I didn't realize that the manager only has one year of his contract to run. Giving him an extension to that must be a

"One of the reasons I felt confident in taking over was the existing management team. We must keep it together,"

On the question of redevelop-ing Molineux, Sir Jack said: "The pitch is in the wrong place with everything a bit lop-sided around it. It's not a pleasant place to play at the moment with two sides of the ground completely empty. "It belongs to the council and

I can't stress enough the co-operation they gave the club in the dark and gloomy days, If they hadn't stepped in and bought the ground and helped liquidate some of the debts, we "But they have said they are

first-class, 35,000, all-seater staof Wolverhampton,"

Aldershot fight to raise cash

SUPPORTERS of Aldershot, the fourth division club in danger of extinction, have raised £80,000 of the £120,000 needed

suspect some time next week."

The club secretary, John Pollard, said yesterday: "We have heard that a winding up order in the courts has been lodged by the Inland Revenue. We have had no official notification of when it will be heard, but we

 Rangers reacted swiftly to the disciplinary action taken against Graeme Souness yesterday by the Scottish Football Association, issuing a detailed state-ment in which they said the alleged offence had been brought to light through tele-vision evidence and should have been inadmissible.

• Graham Carr yesterday became the 31st manager of the season to part company with his club, when he left relegated

• West Ham are suing the London Fire Brigade for compensation because they claim part of the West Stand at Upton Park was damaged by

● Ian Rush and Mark Hughes are expected to play together for the first time for eight months when Wales meet the World Cup outsiders, Costa Rica, in Cardiff on May 20.

SPORT IN BRIEF

Life bans called for

SAID Aouita, the multiple record holder from Morocco, has called for a lifetime ban to be imposed on athletes who take drugs. The 1984 Olympic 5,000m gold medal winner and 1987 world champion urged the International Amateur Athletics efforts to rid the sport of cheats.

"it's very hard for the sport at the moment," he said in an interview with Athletics Weekly. "I don't think the IAAF make good decisions for those athletes caught with drugs.

"When you catch these ath-letes, I think their careers should be finished. For example I Johnson. He takes two years for holidays and then comes back. The ban should be for ever or

Wenton's woe Nigel Wenton, the Liverpool lightweight, will have to appear

of Control after fighting abroac without their permission.

Wenton, aged 21, is seeking a split from BJ Eastwood, his manager, and fought on the same bill when Nigel Benn won his WBO world middleweight title in Atlantic City last month. Wenton lost for only the second time in his career. As a consequence of that defeat, he has been withdrawn as the official challenger to Steve Boyle, the

Speed limits

Paris (Reuter) — Safety mea-sures carried out on the in-famous Mulsanne straight at the Le Mans race-track will cut speeds drastically from 400kph at this year's 24-hour sports car race. Two bends on the straight should limit speeds to 120kph.

Edmunds out Alan Edmunds, the Neath wing,

has become the latest player to withdraw from Wales's rugby union tour to Namibia. Edmunds, called in to replace Mike Hall, of Cardiff, has a leg injury. His place is taken by Steve Bowling, of Llanelli.

New blood

Paris (AFP) - France are relying on new blood for their Australian rugby union tour next month, with a provisional squad including two unknowns. The touring party does not yet have a captain, after Laurent Rodriguez withdrew earlier this week. nplaining of a niggling shoulder injury. Six of the 20 players named so

lock, are surprise selections.

TOUR PARTY: Props: M Pujolis, E Alsherbe; hookers: L Armery, D Bouse; 2nd row/back row: Georgiagnon, C Lerroque, T Devergle, O Roumat, J Condom, E Metville; scrum naives: H Senz, A Husber; stand-off half: D Cambergbero; three-quarters: P Lagisquet, F Mesmel, D Charvet, P Sella, S Weller; full-backs: S Stanco, J-C Lenglade.

ATHLETICS

Sponsors put the fizz back into the road running

By David Powell, Athletics Correspondent

BRITISH road running is again to see its true reflection in the mirror, not the crazy-hall image which the London Marathon as it clashes with the women's world 15-kilometre championship in Dublin. Men are excluded because the organizers

Half-marathons, 10-mile and Half-marathons, 10-mile and 10-kilometre events left marathons standing long ago in the number of races staged each year, and yesterday's announcement of a mass participation series in five cities — including a women-only event in London for up to 10,000 runners — reflects the trend.

Rather than the similine look of invited fields, Diet Coke has gone for the big bulge. There will be the Great North Run for starters, with a field as big as the London Marathon, and races in

London Marathon, and races in Birmingham, Glasgow, Southampton and London for

Organizers are uncertain how many will enter but conservative estimates suggest 5,000 for Birmingham, Glasgow, Southampton and London, rising to five figures each by the end of the initial three-year

The Great North Run half-marathon in Newcastle — or the Diet Coke Great North Run as it is now to be called — has accepted 30,000 for its race on September 16 and can swallow

Great Scottish Run 25 kilometres in Glasgow, the Great South Run 10 miles in Southampton and the Great London Run 10 kilometres will v on consecutive

The Great North Run is nine years old and has usually at-tracted fields the size of the London Marathon but the others, with the exception of Glas-gow, are new. Collectively, they will be called the Diet Coke Great Run.

"We felt that other cities around the country could sustain the same sort of event as the Great North Run," Brendan Foster, one of the series organizers, said at the launch. "We also felt that there was a demand for distances that were not a

"In Birmingham, for example, we are talking about 5,000 runners this year but I don't see any reason why, over the next few years, we can't have 25,000." In other words, as many as ran the London Mara-thon last month.

As in London, a strong emphasis will be placed on charity. "The Great North Run raised £2 million last year," Foster said. Each competitor will be asked to raise money for Saue the Children.

The most fascinating aspect is the women-only race, though the choice of date is unfortunate

woman distance runner, has agreed to take part in the Great London Run, which will start and finish in Southwark and take in Tower Bridge. Ominously perhaps, she said: "In our first year in Oslo, we had 3,000 women. But on Saturday, there will be 16,000."

Foster says that prize-money Foster says that prize-money is small, especially by comparison with the London Marathon, but that "the guaranteed incentive at the sharp end is that

we pay sensible appearance money". Whether Chris Brasher, the London Marathon race director, would concur is doubtful.

Brasher paid tens of thousands of pounds to bring Belayneh Densimo to his race only for him to drop out in the early At least the money is enough to have attracted Earnonn Martin and Douglas Wakiihuri to the start of the Great North Run. Inevitably, it will be promoted as the clash of Commonwealth champions.

Wakiihuri, from Kenya, won the marathon in Auckland, He is the complicated man of the marathon, more Leo Beenhakker than Dave Bassert. His native tongue is Swahili, he speaks fluent English and thinks

He was asked whether he was planning a marathon before next year's world championship but gave the 26 miles 385 yards unswer rather than the 100 metres version. The sprinter's reply would have been: "I have

not yet decided." Martin is training well after a virus ended his 5,000-10,000 metres double attempt at the Commonwealth Games follow ing his win in the longer event. marathon but has been training regularly over 20 miles

He has chosen Oslo on July 14 for his attempt to secure a European championship qualifying time for 10,000 metres.

Eales off to good start

THE attempt by Paul Eales, the former British international marathon racer, to set a record time for the run from John o'Groats to Land's End, began

promisingly, if a little late, yesterday. Eales, aged 37, is attempting to confound the ultra distance running fraternity by beating the record set by their hero, Don Ritchie, last year.

Until vesterday, Eales had never run more than 35 miles in one 80, or more than 45 miles in one day, but he believes that, with limbs fresher than Ritchie's, even though he has run 60 marathons, he can break

started six minutes after scheduie because of photo-calls, Eales was up to 50 miles, having

According to Jonathan Straker, a spokesman for the support team, Eales was looking strong, despite the particularly hilly nature of the early part of the 846-mile journey, and planning to continue for a further 25 to 30 miles before resting over-night. He needs to average 80 miles a day to beat the record of 10days 15hr, 27min set by Ritchie, Britain's multi ultra record holder.



GAME. HEP

In addition to our reviews of courses and equipment, the June issue of Today's Golfer continues our five part series; "Your complete guide to better golf," featuring lan Woosnam. As its title suggests, the partwork deals with all aspects of the game from infringements of the rules to improving your technique. The whole set will be equally useful to both high and low handicap players. It's also sure to be appreciated by green-keepers everywhere.

OUR FREE PARTWORK CONTINUES IN JUNE'S ISSUE.



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far, out of a final squad of 30. have never played in a foreign tournament, and two, Jean-Claude Langlade, at full back, and Christophe Larroque, at FREE

Hooliganism was overplayed in the Taylor Report

LORD Justice Taylor was yesterday criticized for paying too much attention to hooliganism in his official inquiry into the Hillsborough disaster

The criticism of the Taylor Report into events at the FA Cup semi-final between Liverpool and Nottingham Forest which resulted in the death first part of a report commissioned by Liverpool City Council, Hillsborough and after: the Liverpool experience, produced by a team from the Centre for Studies in Crime and Social Justice at the Edge Hill College of Higher Edu-cation in Ormskirk, Lancashire, contains 50 recommendations. A second

part, covering the inquests on the dead (which concluded last week) and the work of state agencies, will be published later this year. The 300-page report accuses South Yorkshire Police of

failing to consider the interests of the bereaved families in the immediate aftermath of the tragedy, and it criticizes the manner in which the media, both national and inter-national, reported the event. The Liverpool report says

that Lord Justice Taylor was given insufficient time in which to compile his interim and final reports and that he was wrong to make central the theme of hooliganism in his final text.

"It is anomalous that so pulling the direction of an very apparent.

"Police at Hillsborough re-

South Yorkshire Police under fire

By Peter Davenport

SOUTH Yorkshire Police, the man of Liverpool City force already held largely to Council's Hillsborough blame for the Hillsborough Disaster working party, said: disaster, are accused in the Liverpool report published "The South Yorkshire Police campaign of misinforma- the media with a campaign of tion" in the immediate aftermath of the tragedy.

manipulate the media into possibly comprehend the laying the blame for the most terrible anguish they disaster firmly on Liverpool must have been suffering . . .

Yesterday, South Yorkshire This was exacerbated by a Police, who now have a new media far more intent on chief constable following the sensationalism than fact and it retirement of Peter Wright, must make every decent perwho was in charge of the force at the time of the disaster, said they had no comment. Councillor Harry Chase, the chair- much-heralded free press."

ities while down-grading or sponded to what they saw as a ignoring central issues," it public order situation. It was "Despite hooliganism play-

ing no part in the Hillsborough disaster, it came to dominate the media coverage and the political discussion of Taylor. The Taylor inquiry, despite its remarkable of 95 people — came in the two stools. It failed to cover all of the issues which related to the disaster and its immediate aftermath, yet also it failed to offer a definitive and comprehensive review of the problems facing professional soccer and its paying

Hillsborough gymnasium.

They include the withdrawal of the recent statutory pro-vision, under the Football

Spectators Act, for a national membership scheme and the removal of all pitch perimeter

fencing and radial segregatory

fencing within terrace

the continuing use of perim-

eter fencing, the project dis-

agrees with Lord Justice

Although the research team says that it found many examples of good, professional practice, personal courage and initiative, it also discovered fundamental issues of con-

"Specifically, the lack of co-ordination and direction at the time of the disaster, on the pitch, behind the Leppings Lane stand and, initially, in the designated clearance area, the gymnasium, probably cost lives and added to the suffering of the injured. The lack of triage in these locations and the apparent inability of people on duty to react positively and effectively was an indictment of their professional training and pre-match briefing," the report

Dr Phil Scraton, much of his final report is criminologist who headed the devoted to hooliganism, not research team, said that the an issue at Hillsborough. This need for a "total change" in is a clear indication of the the attitude of police towards strength of political debates in football crowd control was

society, the police and our

"The research project is in broad agreement with all the recommendations made by Lord Justice Taylor concerning safety at soccer grounds, planning and co-ordination, the duties and responsibilities of the parties directly in-volved. In certain instances, such as all-seater stadia and

Taylor," the report says. Councillor Harry Chase, of Liverpool City Council, chairman of the Hillsborough misinformation and adding to Disaster Working Party, comthe distress of the bereaved at mented: "The council wel-Its alleged purpose was to a time when no-one else could comes this thorough report but at the same time is extremely angry to see its worst fears are founded. A total breakdown in communication by those in authority led to the most appalling treatment of those most immediately affected by the Hillsborough disaster. This son in this country question the supposed bastions in our was exacerbated by a media

Striking a blow for Gloucestershire



Driving on: Andrew Stovold making the most of a pitch full of runs in Gloucestershire's Benson and Hedges Cup match against Kent at Canterbury yesterday. Report, page 42

Stewart takes matters in hand

By John Woodcock

THE PARKS (Surrey won toss): Surrey (4pts) beat the Combined Universities by six

HAVING lost to the Combined Universities in the Benson and Hedges Cup at Fenner's last year, Surrey knew to expect a fight when they met them again in the Parks yesterday, and they were right to do so. They won by six wickets, but with only eight balls to spare.

After being put in Universities made 228 for eight, which might well have been more had they not become a little too ambitious. In defending their score they fielded with great keenness allowed themselves to be and bowled tidily enough to rather carried away by what allow Surrey no loafing. The winning innings was played by of the morning when they Stewart, a chanceless 84 which made 42 runs in the last seven won him the gold award.

The universities ran between the wickets better than any English side I have seen since the days when Tony Pawson played in the Parks. there was then an admirable By lunch time, when they were partnership of 103 between 142 for three after 39 overs, James and Dale. Bullen was

they had Surrey in a state, and looking decidedly

It is strange how the overall standard of English running has declined, despite the urgency of one-day cricket. With Dean Joans and Steve Waugh in their side. Australia start with an in-built advantage over England. Yesterday, James and Dale showed what could be done against a side that was distinctly short of greyhounds. Surrey's best effort in the field was a lovely

accounted for a dangerous hitter in van den Merwe. By then the universities had had happened towards the end overs and 90 in the last 18. Having done well to get through to the tenth over before losing a wicket, with Gray a lively proposition,

regularly and most deftly cut moving, Atkinson landed two by James, who also took a good blows before being pace to Mediycott to hit him over long off for six.

Sent in to keep the score

COMBINED UNIVERSITIES
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144, 5-162, 6-178, 7-179, 8-179, BOWLING: Gray 10-1-20-0; M P Bickmall 11-2-27-2 Graig 10-0-51-0; Thorpe 2-0-18-0; Bullen 11-1-48-1; Medlycolt 11-0-

Nastase in Britain

ILIE Nastase, the Romanian tennis player, is taking part in the Tennis Masters tournament at the new Centrecourt Hotel and Leisure Centre, Basingstoke, between May 17-20. The former British Davis Cup players, John Lloyd, Mark Cox and Roger Taylor, are also competing, together with Tom Okker, Frew McMillan, Dick Stockton and Bob Lutz. caught at long on. After lunch van den Merwe and Longley each hit Medlycon for six before trying rather too much.

Clinton Rw Van der Merwe Sicknell at Turner b Crawley ...

Total (4 wids, 53.4 overs) 229

"I A Greig, K T Medipott, C K Bullen, M P Bicknell and A H Gray did not bet.
FALL OF WICKETS: 1-56, 2-157, 3-149, 4-165.

Full-house Games

BELITNG, May 10 (AFP) - This year's Asian Games has at-tracted a full-house for the first time in spite of talk of a possible boycott following last June's Tiananmen Square bloodbath. All 39 countries in the Olympic Council of Asia have confirmed they will compete in September,

Anger at Cup final blackout by BSB

A NEW dispute over coverage of the FA Cup Final tomorrow, was created last night after ITN and Sky Television complained that they were being preventing from filming the event for their news bulletins. Both companies blamed the news black-out on British Satellite Broadcasting which, together with the BBC, has paid £30 million for five years' television rights to the FA

Cup. In the past, news access to major sporting events has television companies, but the multi-million pound battle for sports rights between rival broadcasters has resulted in growing friction. David Mannion, associate

editor of ITN, said last night: 'It will be the first time in living memory we won't have covered the Cup Final. It is a major sporting occasion, but it is also a news story."

Mike Tancred, sports editor of Sky News, said: "BSB is dictating to the sporting body which controls the game. Other sporting bodies like the TCCB, Wimbledon and the Rugby League believe in news access and grant it to everyone. This is a joke.

But a BSB spokesman said last night it had been denied news access to League matches

Giachetti called in by Tyson

By Srikumar Sea

RICHIE Giachetti, who used to be Larry Holmes's trainer, will be in Mike Tyson's corner when the former world boxing champion meets Henry Tiliman at Las Vegas on June 16. Tyson, who started training at a secret camp in the Las Vegas area on Monday, called in Giachetti yesterday.

Giachetti said: "I'm a member of a team," but Jay Bright and Aaron Snowell, who have been working as cornermen after Tyson dismissed Kevin Rooney 18 months ago, will assist him. Bright and Snowell were widely criticized for failing to motivate Tyson during his bout with James "Buster" Douglas in Tokyo in Feb-

Tyson, who weighs 226lb, wants to get down to 218lb. He has started boxing and is running six miles a day. Tyson said: "Buster is a very good fighter who caught me on a very bad night. I know eventually I'll be the champ again."

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Woosnam lead at Waterloo

IAN Woosnam, rattling with because of a hip condition, surpassed the par of the Lion course of Royal Waterloo by six shots in the Peugeot-Trends Belgian Open golf

far more intent on sensa-

tionalism than fact."

tournament yesterday. With a 66, Woosnam established a lead of two strokes over Ove Sellberg, of Sweden, and three other British players, Jamie Spence, Grant Turner and Mike Miller.

Woosnam perhaps had an advantage by playing in the morning, for those teeing off later were troubled by an unkind wind which brought with it an unpleasant drop in

the temperature. Thus Jose-Maria Olazabal, who seems to be Woosnam's principal opponent in Europe at the moment, was four under par for 10 holes and one over for the remaining eight.

From John Hennessy, Brussels

anti-inflammatory pills. Eduardo Romero, already a category. winner for Argentina this year, was six under for the first 10 and three over for the rest of his round. For all his fine opening to

the tournament. Woosnam was not entirely satisfied. "With a good start you can murder it," he said afterwards,

Still more strikingly, him to ninth in the school Steven Richardson, still technically English amateur champion, returned to com-

petition after being involved in a road accident in which a fellow member of the Lee-on-Solent club was killed. He announced himself with

h a good start you can der it," he said afterwards, acting on the first six holes birdies.

The he could make no rance on par. The next six less brought him one under, acreupon he did indulge in a nile murder, with five birdies at the last six.

Spence, of Tunbridge Wells, who had to go to the Volvo European Tour school for the fifth time last December, seems to be on the verge of breaking through at the age of Dreaking through at the age of 26. He was 26th at La Manga, his improved perfor
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French pair are unaffected

From Patricia Davies, Paris

YESTERDAY, in the first round of the Hennessy Cup, the posing had to stop and the women had to knuckle down to the serious business of negotiating their way round St Germain with a ball that did not respond to smiles or

Two of the best exponents were Valerie Michaud and Sophie Louapre, two French amateurs unaffected by any need to project a professional image or appeal to the aes-thetic ideal of the picture editor of Paris-Match or other journals. Michaud, born in Madrid but now resident in Biarritz, had a round of 70, two under par, and led by a stroke from Louapre and Diane Barnard, a Lancashire lass whose game is rapidly catching up with her looks. . All three were out early and must have been mildly sur-

might not have been the case if Florence Descampe, the young and impetuous Belgian

hand-clasped-to-eyes.

the 13th, a par four, and six at her growing skill and the 17th, another four, for a confidence. It was certainly the fastest seven of the season. Disturbed by a television cameraman,

Descampe did not step away from her straightforward eight-iron second shot but carried on and hit it into a greenside bunker. She skinned the ball across the green, into a dreadful lie in another bunker. and from there it was a blur of movement, tossed clubs and Barnard, who turned pro-

fessional six years ago, on the back of an ordinary amateur

prised that their scores held up for any picture editor. She throughout the day. That finished 15th in the first tournament of the season, in Rome, and was tied for sixth in the Ford Classic at Wowho has already won this burn. Four birdies in the last scason, had not taken seven at five holes were testimony to

> Tammie Green and Deborah McHaffie, the Americans imported for their glamorous looks, showed they could play as well, even when jet-lagged. Green was on 72, level par.

> LEADING FIRST ROUND SCORES (GB and Ire unless stated): 70: V Michaud (F7)71: D Barnard, S Louspre (F4), 72: E Grand (IR, S Gronberg (Swe), T Green (US), A Sheard (8A), T Johnson, F Dassu (M, C Duthy, 72: J Arnold (NZ), D Perizzi (US), J Cornachan, F Descampe (Bei), D Dowling, A Nicholas, B New, 74: R Lautens (Switz), C Panton, S Moon (US), H Affredsson (Swe), D McHaffie (US), J Soulsby, K Dalkas, S Crammer (Can), K Prachil (US), 75: S Prosser, M Garner, C Nitsmark (Swe), M-L de Lorerzi (F1), A Dibos (Fonu), L Assedes (US), P Gonzalez (Co), N McCormack.

Wonderful world of Geoffrey Green

By David Miller

THE death on Wednesday of Geoffrey Green, the former Association Football correspondent of The limes, will leave countless readers, and almost as many friends, recalling the colour, elegance and wit with which he wrote for these columns for almost 40 years: from 1938, except during the war, until his retirement in 1976.

They will remember, too, a life which in its most productive professional years was like that of a great runner - continually at full throttle yet giving an appearance of coasting Geoff's words, whether written for this newspaper or broadcast by the BBC, were marked by

Giving a copy of The History of the Football Association, a weighty tome which he had written, to John Hennessy, then sports editor, Green wrote on the title page: "Not to be read at breakfast, if at all." He came

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effacement, which was a part of his

Geoff was part of a singular era of sports writing individualists which began before the war with Bernard Darwin on golf and continued with such notables as O L "Ginger" Owen on rugby, boxing and athlet-ics, Dudley Carew, who doubled on football and films, and Richard Hill on lawn tennis. Geoffrey was something of a joker in the pack.

On one occasion, following the university match at Wembley and having spent all night first at the Cafe de Paris and then at Al Burnett's Stork Room, my wife and I were with him en route to breakfast somewhere off the Edgware Road. Swinging round Berkeley Square, Geoff said euphorically to the cab driver. "Once more, commander." I think we completed 12 circuits before finally heading north up Duke Street. On the day we were married, he came down the aisle, a little late, still inserting his cuff-links.

To be in Geoff's company in those days was to share a roller coaster, and for him, that is how it had always been, from the days when, at his mother's request, he would play old 78 rpm jazz records on the landing on a wind-up gramophone while she had her morning bath.

Yet those of us close to Geoff never really knew whether his gregarious nature, the insistence on yet another journey through till dawn, was prompted by an instinctive quest for fun and laughter or a fear of loneliness. He could have mystic moods when he was with us but apart from us.

I first knew him when I was a boy of 16, when he came to report on school matches, and then when he followed the tide of Pegasus in the Amateur Cup; and it was he who

stop-gap sub-editor looking after cricket scores. To him I owe in part two things which become ever more difficult to uphold in sport: the ineradicable conviction that games are meaningless unless played to the laws, and the belief that entertainment, style and skill have a more lasting value than any victory achieved without them.

In Green's days with the Corinthians, as an adventurous, oldfashioned and by all accounts rugged attacking centre half, the cry would endlessly echo from the terraces: "Get back, Green, get back." He never was, and never would be, one for insurance.

A brief career as a scripture schoolmaster, his pupils including David Mills, later secretary of the All England Club, and a subsequent Roman Catholic Archbishop of

Liverpool, ended ignominiously when Geoff feit obliged to provide an ill-equipped class with advance warning of examination questions. Occasionally he had arrived for early-morning class still attired in tailsuit from the previous evening's engagement.

His war-time career in the RAF was limited by the severe knee injury which had finished his football. "I was usually where the war was not," he would write archly.
Geoff's passing will make his
biography Pardon Me For Living the title an affectionate gesture to Judy Holliday - something of 3 collector's piece, for it is no cliche to say we will not see his like again. Another of his favourite songs was Louis Armstrong's What a Wonder-ful World. And that could be said to have been Geoff's motto.

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